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CHARACTERS

MOMO AYASE

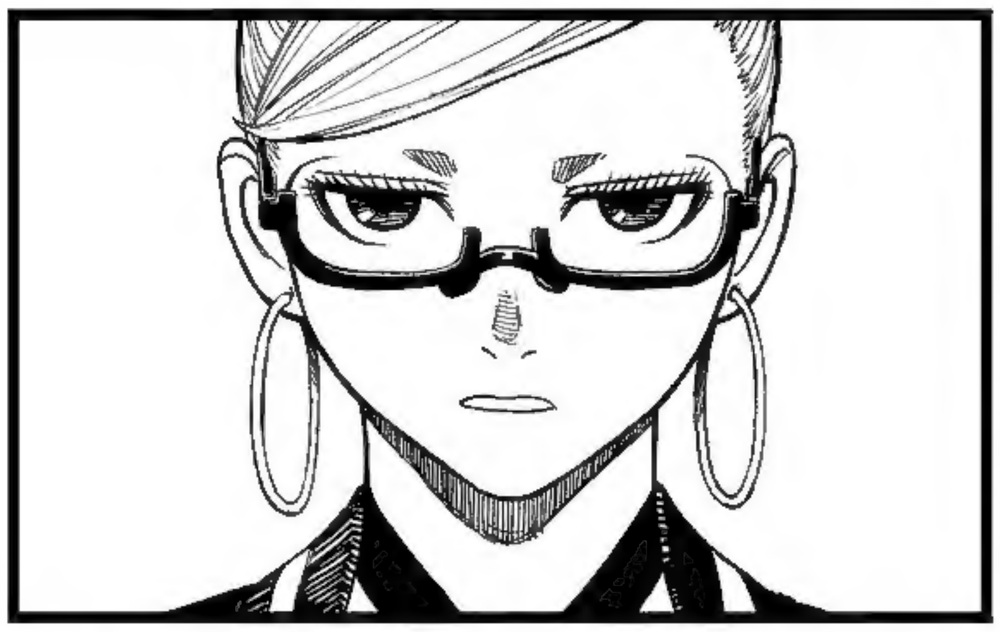
A high school girl from a family of spirit mediums. Her powers were awakened after she was abducted by aliens. Following the battle with Turbo Granny, she helps to search for Okarun's testicles.

OKARUN (KEN TAKAKURA)

A geek for paranormal phenomena who lost his testicles in his fight against Turbo Granny and must now spend his time looking for them. With Turbo Granny's power within him, he's able to face off against the Serpoians.

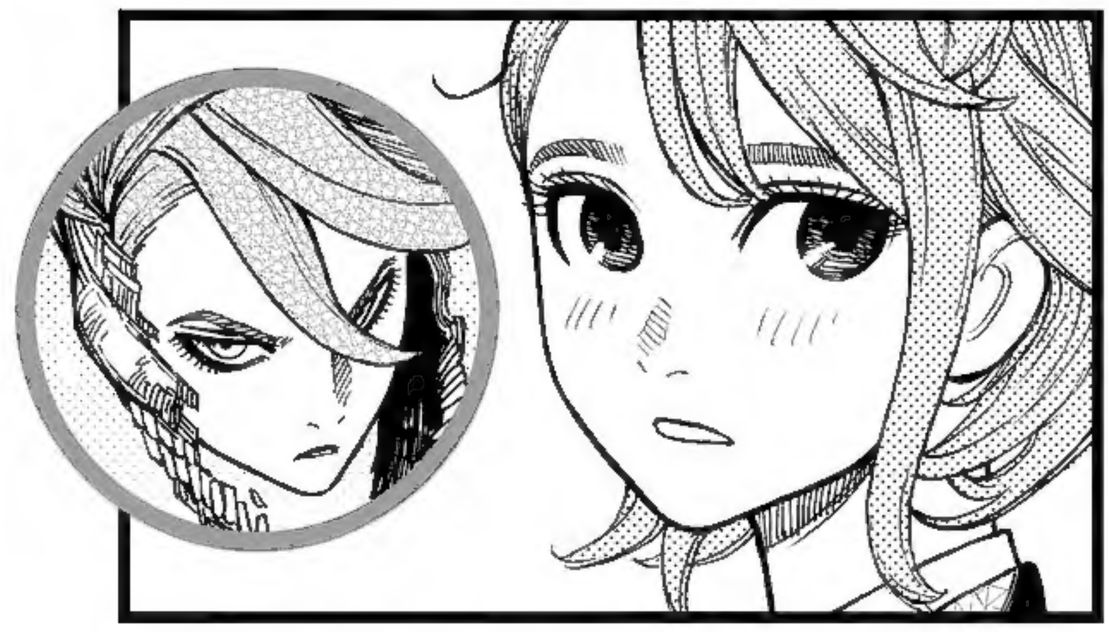
TURBO GRANNY

Appearing at unexpected times and places, she's a present-day yokai who ran riot throughout the country. Her power remains within Okarun, while her consciousness is stuck in a beckoning-cat figure that she uses to get around.



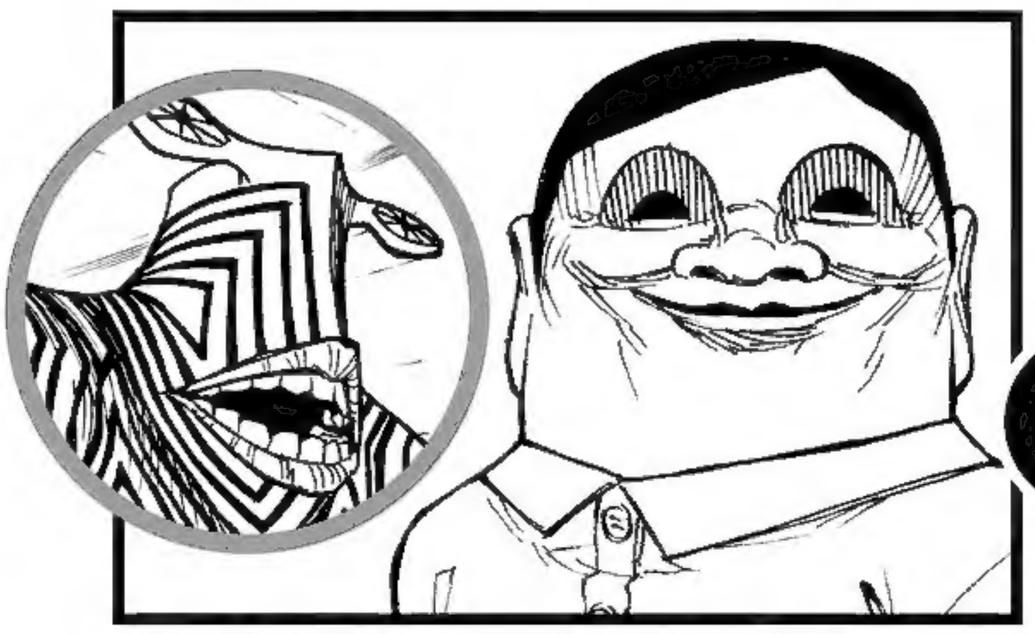
SEIKO

Momo's grandmother. She's active as the spirit medium Santa Dodoria. She's powerful enough to enclose their home in a mystical barrier. She often gives Momo advice.



AIRA SHIRATORI

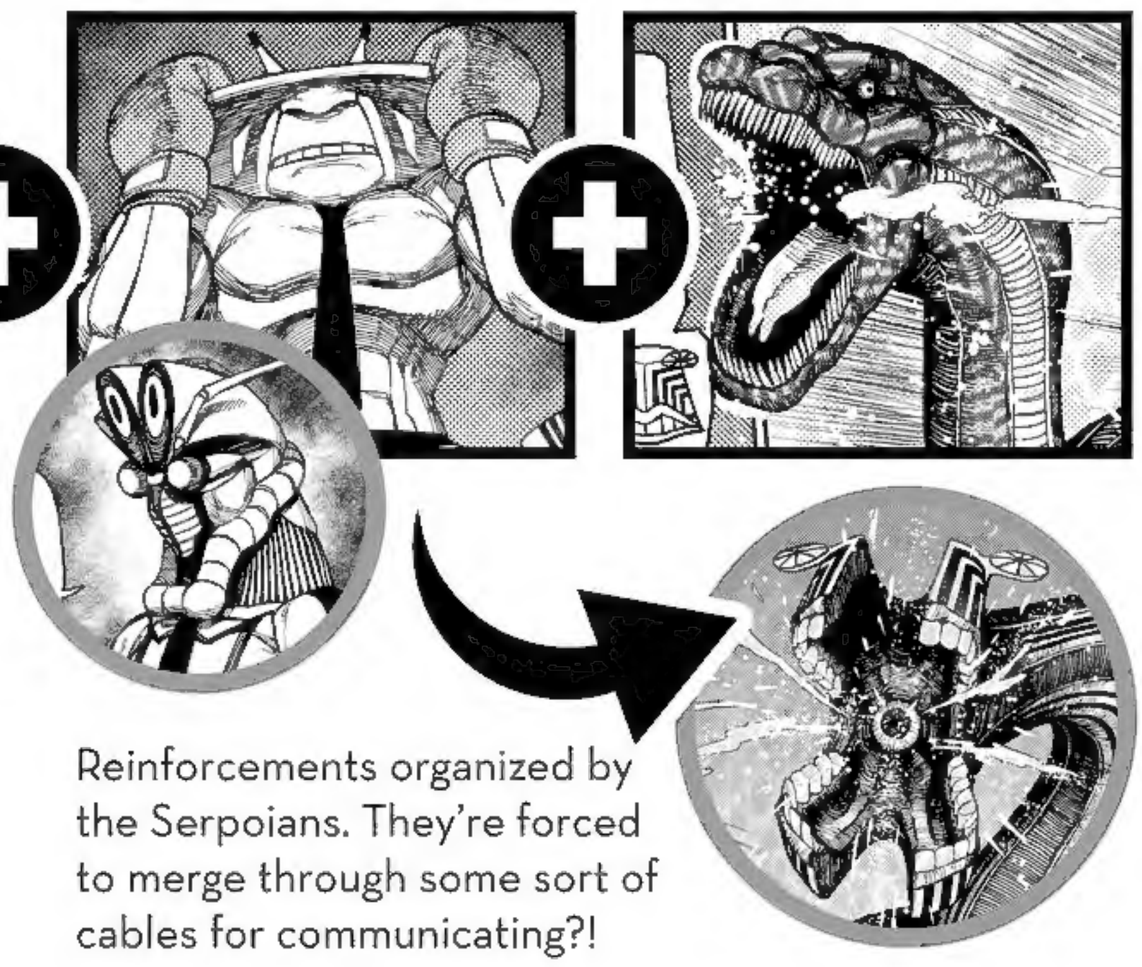
A popular, attractive girl at Momo's school whose powers awaken when she unknowingly picks up one of Okarun's family jewels. She ends up taking on the aura of the Acrobatic Silky.



SERPOIANS

The aliens that abducted Momo. They are an all-male species that reproduce through cloning. To regain their reproductive abilities, they are in pursuit of a human female.

DOVER DEMON & NESSIE



Reinforcements organized by the Serpoians. They're forced to merge through some sort of cables for communicating?!

STORY

Momo, a firm believer in spirits, comes to the rescue of a paranormal fanatic named Ken Takakura, aka Okarun, when he's getting bullied. After arguing about the validity of each other's interests, they decide to prove their respective beliefs, so Momo is sent to an abandoned hospital known for UFO sightings and Okarun heads to a supposedly haunted tunnel. Once there, Okarun gets cursed by a yokai called Turbo Granny! At the hospital, Momo ends up abducted by aliens called Serpoians, who are seeking a human female for reproduction. They take her aboard their ship, and Momo finds herself in big trouble. Suddenly, Okarun appears, and thanks to Turbo Granny's curse, he's able to transform. At the same time, Momo awakens to her paranormal abilities, and the two are able to escape the UFO. But Okarun's curse affects those around them, so they decide to have a showdown with Turbo Granny. Seiko sets up a barrier around Kamikoshi City, and Momo and Okarun subsequently beat Turbo Granny through a game of tag. Afterward, Okarun and Momo search for the testicles he lost in the battle, but Aira picks up one of the gold balls and awakens her own powers. Acting as a defender of justice, Aira calls out Momo, but she instead gets attacked by the yokai Acrobatic Silky and dies. After recalling her past, the yokai ends up gifting her aura to Aira to revive her. Aira develops a strong affection for Okarun for attempting to save her. Then the Serpoians reappear and seal Okarun and the others in an empty space. After a fierce battle, the Serpoians fuse!

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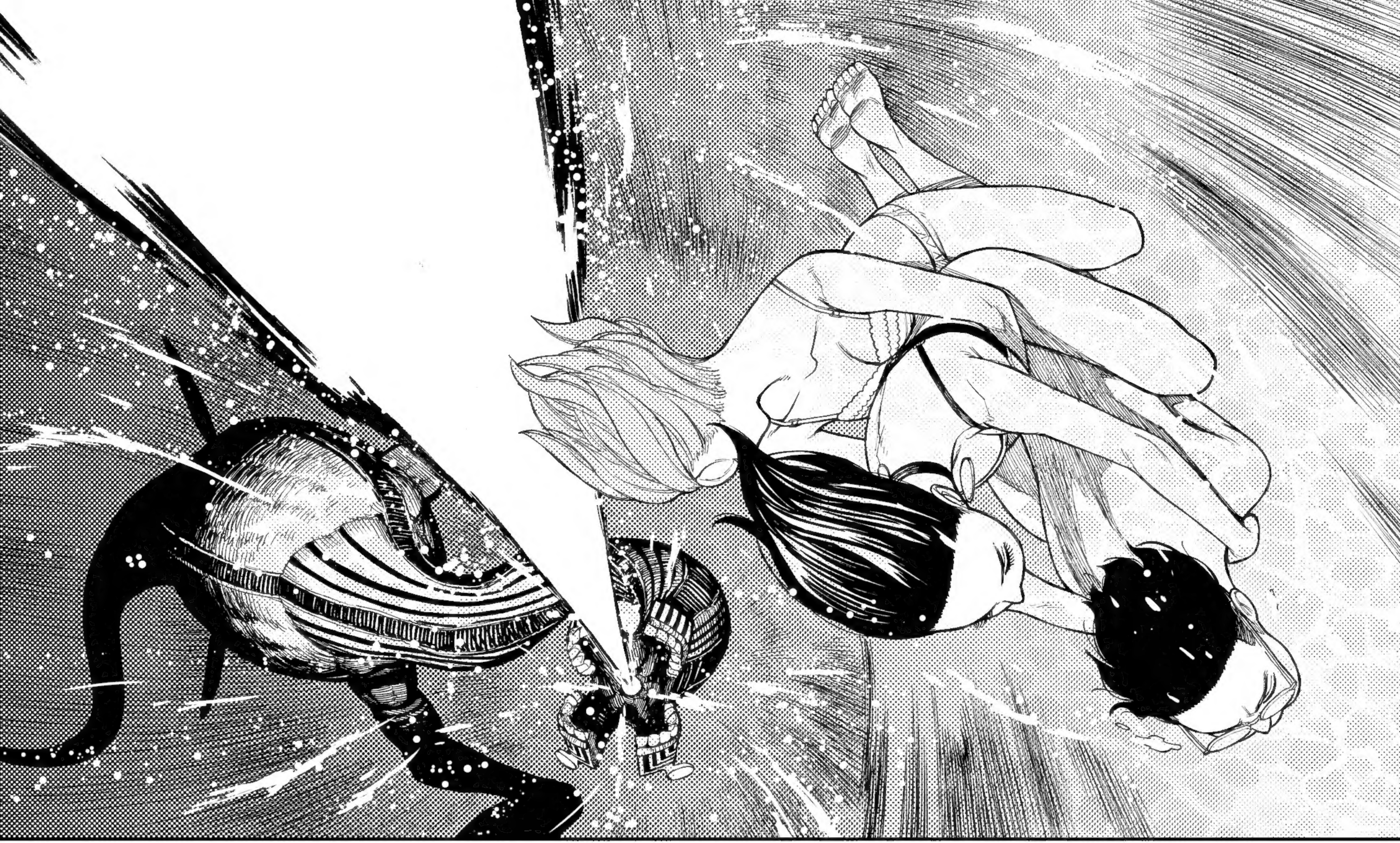

NNNGH!

NNNGH!

BLOOP

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NNNGH!

WHAT A SHAME.

OUT OF WATER.

BWAAH!

THAT WAS CLOSE!

WHAT WAS THAT?! THINGS LIKE THAT EXIST?!

GEEZ LOUISE! WE CAN'T TAKE THAT THING ON FOREVER!

MISS AYASE, LOOK!

SO THEN IT CAN'T FIRE THAT LASER NONSTOP!

ITS NECK IS TAKING IN WATER!

THIS MIGHT BE OUR CHANCE!

GET CLOSER! I'LL ATTACK IT!

LET'S DO IT!

...IT WON'T BE ABLE TO FIRE THE LASER!

THAT MEANS IF WE WRECK ITS NECK...

NNNNGH!

NH! NGH!

NGH!

...BUT WE ARE A CLOSE-COMBAT IN-FIGHTER UMA!

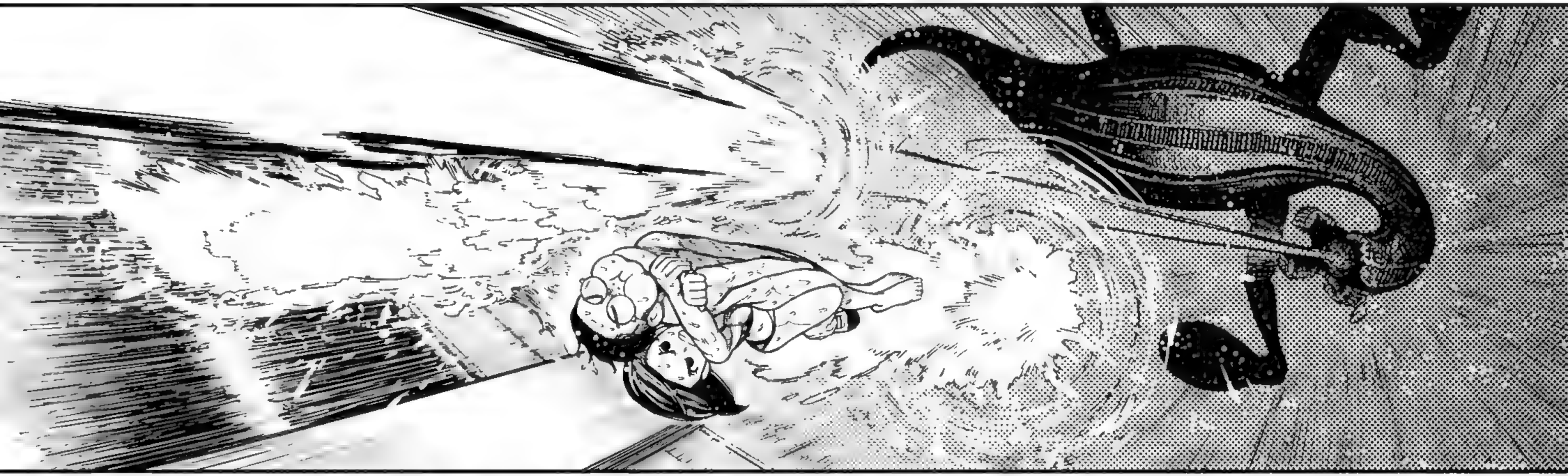
WE MAY NOT LOOK IT...

...THE HIGH-COMPRESSION WATER BLAST WAS ALL THERE WAS, DIDN'T YOU?

YOU THOUGHT ...

NNGH!

NNNH!



KOFF KOFF! YOWCH! I AM NOT...

... OKAY!

THEN YOU'RE FINE!

ARE YOU OKAY ?!

KEEP IT TOGETHER, YOU DUMB SKANK!

BWAAH!

WE CAN'T GET NEAR HIM NOW!

WHEN DID *THAT* HAPPEN ?!

HE'S GOT THAT PUNCHING JERK ATTACHED AS ARMS?!

THOSE SERPOIAN BASTARDS!

THEY KNEW FROM THE START THEY'D HAVE TO COMPENSATE FOR NESSIE'S SHORT-COMINGS!

THAT'S WHY THEY BROUGHT THAT PUNCHING JERK ALONG!

ON LAND IS ONE THING...

...BUT IN THE WATER, IT'S HOPELESS!

LASER BEAMS...

HE'S TOO POWERFUL!

...AND SHRIMP PUNCHES ?!

ABOUT THE SHRIMP PUNCHES!

?!

I SAID IT'S HOPE-LESS!

NOT THAT!

OKARUN, WHAT'D YOU JUST SAY?!

WELL, I HAVE PLENTY OF OTHER WAYS TO KILL YOU.

WHAT A SHAME. MY HIGH-COMPRESSION WATER BLAST HAS RUN OUT AGAIN.

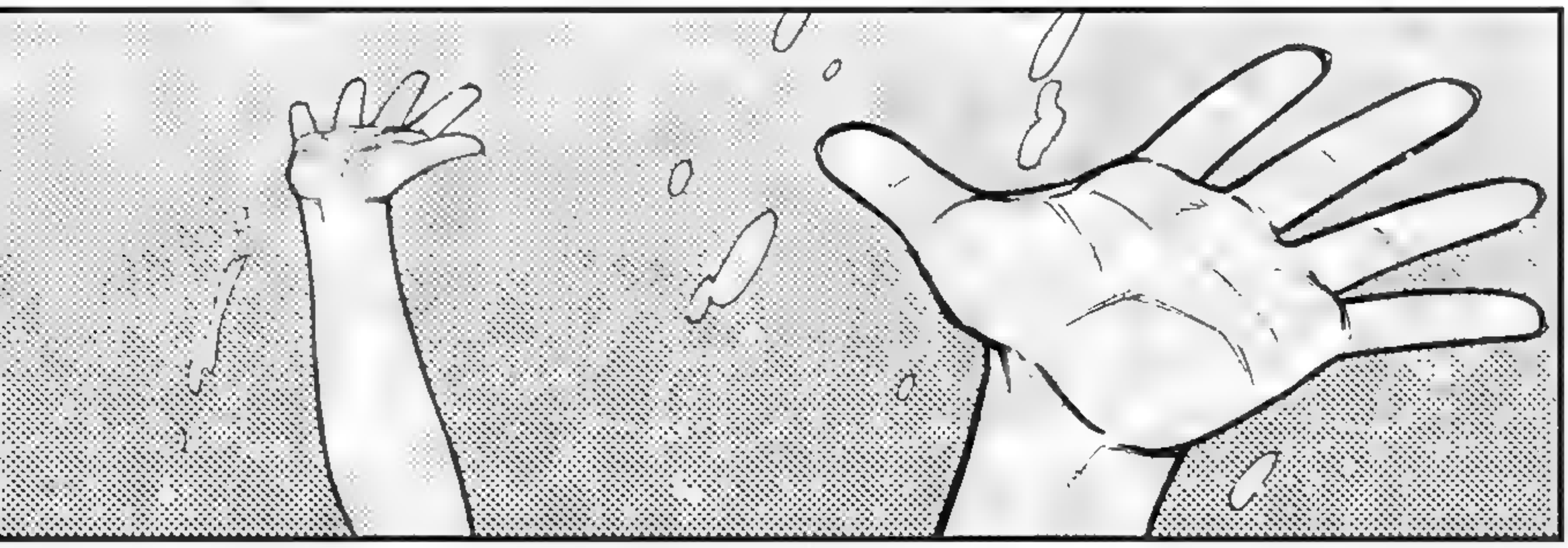
WE COULD WAIT FOR YOU TO DROWN...

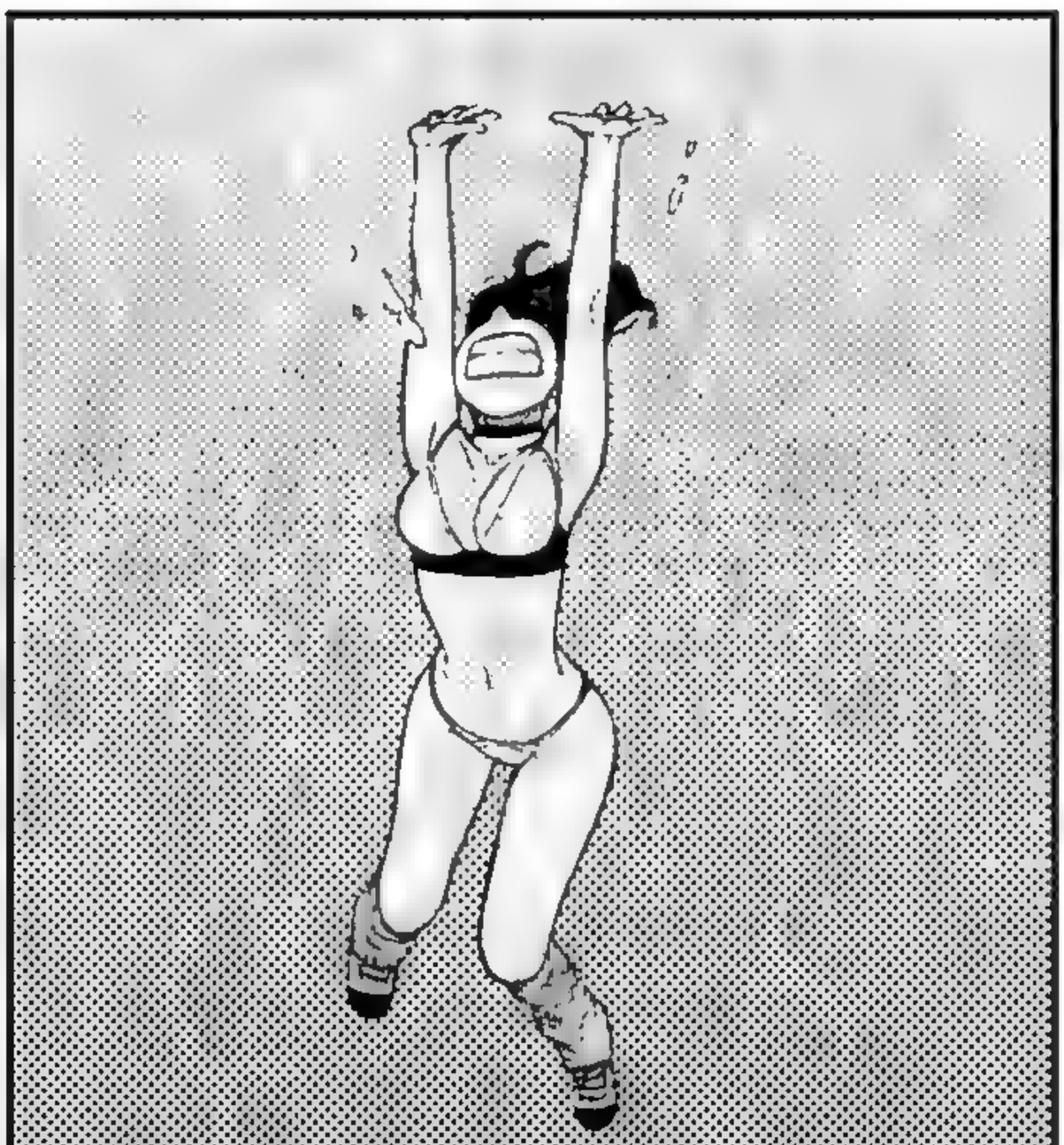
...BUT WE HAVE ALREADY WASTED TOO MUCH TIME.

PERHAPS IT WOULD BE BETTER TO JUST BEAT YOU TO DEATH.

YOU ARE A VERY DANGEROUS PERSON.

WE HAVE DECIDED TO KILL AND DISSECT YOU.





WHAT IS THIS?!

W-WHAT ...?!

NOT WITH AN ALIEN SHRIMP, ANYWAY!

?!

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE MERGED!

THE PUNCH OF A MANTIS SHRIMP...

...IS STRONGEST IN WATER.

BUT ON LAND, IT CAN'T THROW A SERIOUS PUNCH AT ALL.

AND NEITHER CAN *HE*.

...HE'D END UP LIKE YOU RIGHT NOW.

IF HE TRIED TO...

THE SHOCK OF HIS OWN PUNCH...

...WOULD RIP HIM APART.

!!!

HOW ABOUT YOU?!

BUT I CAN STAY UNDER WATER...

...FOR HOURS!

...AND THEN CUT YOU IN TWO WITH MY HIGH-COMPRESSION WATER BLAST FIRST?!

OR WILL I CONTINUE RECHARGING ...

WILL YOU DROWN?

!

I MAY BE A FELLOW WHO CAN'T SWIM.

WAIT ONE MO-MENT!

...THEN I'M GOOD TO GO!

BUT IF I'VE GOT A ROAD TO RUN ON...

DAN
DA
DAN

25. It Makes Your Heart Race, Don't It?!

BWAAH!

GUHACK!

WE BEAT IT?!

HFF! HFF!

HFF! HFF!

WE'RE BACK ?!

HFF! HFF!

HFF! HFF!

KOFF! KOFF!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD-NESS!

THANK YOU, HALL-WAY!

THIS IS A HALL-WAY!

THE FLOOR'S SOLID!

HA HA HA!

I DON'T KNOW!

HA HA HA!

HI-LARI-OUS.

HA HA HA!

SPLAP SPLAP

SPLAP SPLAP

HA HA!

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!

!!!

EH?!

WHAT ARE YOU TWO *DOING*?!

THEY'RE ALL OVER EACH OTHER. AND THEY'RE TOTALLY NAKED!

NOOOOOOOOO!!

AYASE AND THAT FOUR-EYES FROM CLASS B WERE DOIN' IT!

AUUUUUUGH!!

GAH!

KYAAH!

AND THAT'S THAT PRUDE MISS SHIRATORI FROM CLASS D. SHE'S NAKED TOO!

BUT WHY?!

WHY ARE THEY ALL NAKED ?!

SCHOOL INFIRMARY

ARE YOU THREE TRYING TO MAKE A FOOL OF ME?

START OVER FROM THE BEGINNING.

WERE YOU BEING BULLIED?

NO, MA'AM.

I HAVE ZERO TOLERANCE FOR BULLYING.

I'M ON YOUR SIDE, YOU KNOW.

THANKS, MA'AM.

JUST COME OUT WITH IT. NO NEED TO BE COY.

WAP

WAP

IT SEEMS YOU NEED TO BE PUNISHED ...

EEE! I'M SO SORRY, QUEEN SENSEI!

I TOLD YOU BEFORE NOT TO OPEN THAT DOOR WITHOUT KNOCKING!

...YOU SHINY CUE BALL!

QUEEN SENSEI, THERE'S A PHONE CALL FOR YOU IN THE STAFF ROOM.

SHRAK

SMACK

BALDYY!

THANKS, MA'AM.

I'LL BE BACK IN A MINUTE.

YOU THREE CAN STAY HERE AS LONG AS YOU NEED TO.

AUGH!

MY INNOCENT IMAGE!

MY POPU-LARITY!

GAH!

WHAT DO WE DO?!

THEY SAW US IN THE WEIRDEST SITUATION POSSIBLE!

AND THIS TIME THEY WERE AFTER *ME*.

IT SEEMS LIKE THEY WANT TURBO GRANNY'S POWER, BUT...

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AND THOSE ALIENS ARE, LIKE, *WAY* TOO PERSISTENT, DON'TCHA THINK?!

I CAN'T GO THROUGH GETTING ATTACKED LIKE THAT AGAIN!

IT WAS AWAKENED IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR BATTLE.

AFTER ALL...

...I *AM* THE EXQUISITE CHOSEN SAVIOR OF THE WORLD.

YOUR TITLE SEEMS TO KEEP CHANGING.

!!!

HEY, DUM-DUM.

THAT REMINDS ME...

SINCE WHEN HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO USE THE ACRO-SILKY'S POWER?

...THEN THERE'S A HIGH LIKELIHOOD THEY'LL COME AFTER YOU TOO, MISS SHIRATORI!

BUT IF THAT'S THE CASE...

BLUSH

TAKAKURA'S CONCERNED ABOUT ME!

WELL...

...ACRO-SILKY'S AURA WAS TRANSFERRED TO YOU...

...SO I SUPPOSE IT MAKES SENSE.

...BUT HAVING THAT POWER MAKES YOU THEIR TARGET TOO.

YOU WERE ABLE TO FIGHT THEM OFF BECAUSE OF YOUR YOKAI POWER...

...WHY NOT ATTACK THE YOKAI ITSELF?

IF THEY WANT A YOKAI'S POWER...

IT'S ODD, ISN'T IT?

THERE'S THE ARGUMENT THAT IF ALIENS POSSESS SUCH ASTOUNDING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY...

...THEN WHY HAVEN'T THEY INVADED EARTH?

I'VE EVEN WONDERED MYSELF!

WAIT! THAT'S IT!

TRUE.

THAT'S EXACTLY THE POINT!

THAT'S WHY THEY CAN'T!

IT'S BECAUSE THERE ARE YOKAI!

IN OTHER WORDS, THESE YOKAI AND DEMONS...

THERE'S FOLKLORE ABOUT SPIRITS AND DEMONS ALL OVER THE WORLD!

AND IT'S NOT JUST JAPAN!

...ARE WHAT PROTECT THE EARTH...

...FROM ALIEN INVASION!

AND EVEN *WITH* THEIR ALIEN SCIENCE AND TECHNO-LOGY...

...THEY CAN'T BEAT THE YOKAI...

...WHICH IS WHY THEY HAVE TO ATTACK SPECIAL PEOPLE LIKE US.

TO STUDY US...

...IN ORDER TO DEVELOP THE SCIENCE NEEDED TO BEAT THE YOKAI!

I'M SURE OF IT!

IT COULD BE THAT THEY'RE THE ONES...

...THAT STOLE MY MISSING BALL!

THIS IS BAD! WE HAVE TO FIND IT, AND FAST!

I GOT THE GIST.

THE FATE OF THE WORLD IS IN MY HANDS.

WHAT'S BAD, EXACTLY?

THAT STORY WAS SO CONVOLUTED I LOST THE POINT.

AUGH!

DON'T REMIND ME!

RE-ALITY SUCKS!

...IS THAT I WAS SEEN NAKED!

BUT THE IMPOR-TANT THING...

I SUPPOSE YOU COULD PUT IT THAT WAY.

HEY!

I'LL JUST INSIST YOU MADE ME STRIP NAKED, MOMO AYASE.

I KNOW!

SHFF

AND WHATEVER WE SAY, NO ONE WILL EVER BELIEVE US!

GAH! WHAT DO WE DO?!

EEH ?!

ALL RIGHT, FINE. GO AHEAD.

WELL, IT'S TRUE!

YOU DID TELL ME TO STRIP.

YOU CAN SAY THAT TOO, TAKAKURA.

EH?

IT'S A PAIN TRYING TO THINK UP ALL THESE EXCUSES.

I'M JUST SO TIRED.

BUT, MISS AYASE, THEN YOU'LL BE—

WAIT ...

AAH! MOMO AYASE!

DON'T TELL ME THIS WAS *YOUR* DOING?!

SHRAK

AIRA! ARE YOU OKAY ?!

UH!

GEEZ, YOU SCARED ME!

WHAT WAS ALL *THAT* ABOUT?!

MISS AYASE, IF YOU DON'T COME UP WITH AN EXPLANATION, THEY'LL MAKE YOU OUT TO BE THE BAD PERSON IN ALL THIS!

COULDN'T CARE LESS.

HEY, HOLD ON!

AIRA, LET'S GO!

...HOW ABOUT *YOU* START EXPLAINING YOURSELF, OKARUN.

ACTUALLY...

...WHAT WERE YOU DOING OUT THERE?

AT LUNCH...

...AND FELL TO THE GROUND. THAT JUST HAPPENED TO BE WHEN YOU SAW US, MISS AYASE...

UUUUH...

WHAT WERE YOU DOING THERE IN THE FIRST PLACE?

MISS SHIRATORI TRIED KISSING ME OUT OF THE BLUE.

OH, THAT...

HAH ?!

IT'S TRUE!

AND THEN WE ENDED UP TUSSLING...

AND WHY WOULD YOU NEED TO HIDE THAT?

NUDGE NUDGE

WORKING OUT...

LIKE, PUSH-UPS AND STUFF...

OH?

I WANTED TO MAKE MYSELF STRONGER ...

WELL... I THOUGHT IF I COULD GET TOUGH WITHOUT YOU REALIZING IT'D HAP-PENED...

...IT'D BE KINDA COOL...

S-SURE I DO!

SO YOU'VE GOT A VAIN SIDE TOO, HUH, OKARUN?!

PFFT!

SAY WHAT?! *HILAR!*

...IS A MAN!

EVEN A FELLOW LIKE ME...

...TO THINK I WAS COOL, MISS AYASE.

I WANTED YOU...

WHY?

WHY DID YOU WANT ME TO THINK YOU WERE COOL?

HUH? WELL, BECAUSE ...

LEMME SEE YOUR FACE.

MM-HMM? IS THAT SO?

P-PLEASE DON'T MAKE FUN OF ME!

IT'S NOT NICE WHEN YOU DO THAT!

ENOUGH ALREADY!

AREN'T YOU SATIS-FIED?!

HUH?!

WHAT DOES BEING A MAN HAVE TO DO WITH IT?

BECAUSE I'M A MAN!

I'M LEAVING!

AND I'M NOT GOING TO SAY ANYTHING THAT MAKES YOU OUT TO BE THE BAD ONE, MISS AYASE!

OKA-RUN.

DAN
DA
DAN

OKA-RUN...

26. We Picked Up a Kappa Monster

OH, OKARUN'S HERE TOO!

MOMO! THERE YOU ARE!

GEEZ! YOU SCARED THE CRAP OUTTA ME!

YOU'RE ONE TO TALK!

SHE SAID YOU WERE HUGGING OKARUN NAKED IN FRONT OF CLASS D!

WE WERE IN THE SCIENCE LAB AT THE TIME.

WHAT THE HECK HAPPENED ?!

WE HEARD YOU GUYS JUST DISAPPEARED IN THE MIDDLE OF CLASS!

YEAH, KANA TOLD ME, AND I FREAKED!

I'VE GOT IT. I'VE SOLVED THE MYS-TERY.

YEAH? YOU HAVE?

ISN'T THAT A LITTLE *TOO* VAGUE?

I GUESS IT'S JUST, WELL, HOW THINGS SHOOK OUT.

EVEN IF I TOLD YOU, YOU'D NEVER UNDER-STAND.

OOH ?

DO YOU KNOW A PERSON IN CLASS D NAMED SHIRATORI?

WELL ...

YES.

THEREBY PROVING THERE IS A LOVE TRIANGLE INVOLVING MOMO, OKARUN, AND SHIRATORI.

WHOA ...

DURING MY INVESTIGATION, I DISCOVERED THAT SHIRATORI OF CLASS D WAS *ALSO* NUDE.

...TWO WOMEN FIGHTING OVER THE SAME MAN.

...IT'S A CLEAR CASE OF...

D

IN OTHER WORDS...

NUDE GLADIATORIAL COMBAT...

...BROKE OUT, AM I RIGHT?!

...SO SHE COULD BEAT THE TAR OUT OF SHIRATORI!

TELL ME HOW ...

WHEN MOMO WAS TALKING TO THAT SHRIMP...

...IT WAS TO LEARN HOW TO PUNCH...

SAY WHAT?!

HEY! STOP THAT!

YOU'RE THE CULPRIT!

I AM NOT JEAL-OUS!

YOU SHUT YER PIE-HOLE!

...BECAUSE SHE'S JEALOUS OVER OKARUN!

MOMO'S BEEN ACTING WEIRD AND WITH-DRAWN...

WHAT THE HECK HAPPENED ?!

AIRA, ARE YOU OKAY?!

2-D

MISS SHIRATORI, IF YOU NEED HELP, WE'LL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES!

BUT I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED.

SO I'D BE HAPPIEST IF YOU JUST LEFT IT ALONE, PLEASE.

YOU'RE MAKING ME FEEL SO BUBBLICIOUS!

THANK YOU, EVERYONE!

AT THIS RATE, IT'LL BE LIKE THIS WHOLE INCIDENT NEVER HAPPENED.

ALL THE HARD WORK I'VE PUT IN GROWING IT PAYS OFF AT TIMES LIKE THESE.

I'M IMPRESSED BY THE LEVEL OF MY OWN POPULARITY, I MUST SAY!

I BET *SHE'S* RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS!

WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH MOMO AYASE?!

WHOA, FOR REAL?

LIKE THAT THING WITH THE WASH-BOWL.

MOMO AYASE'S BEEN HARASSING AIRA LATELY.

!

APPARENTLY, SHE'LL DO IT WITH ANYONE AS LONG AS IT'S A GUY!

WHO DOES SHE THINK SHE IS?!

MOMO AYASE WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS!

YEAH, I HEARD THAT RUMOR TOO!

IT WAS GOING AROUND RECENTLY!

SHE *MUST* BE JEALOUS OF YOUR BEAUTY, MISS SHIRATORI, DON'T YOU THINK?!

...OUR MISS SHIRATORI CRY!

SHE'LL LEARN NOT TO MAKE...

TELL EVERY-ONE ABOUT HER?!

SHOULDN'T WE MAKE HER PAY?!

I WAS THE ONE WHO SPREAD THOSE LIES ABOUT HER.

HANG ON. AIRA...

...ARE YOU OKAY?

YOU?

I WAS WRONG FOR DOING THAT.

SO PLEASE DON'T SPEAK ILL OF MOMO AYASE.

WHAT WAS *THAT* ABOUT?

...

HUH?

SNRF

BONK BONK BONK

IDJIT, IDJIT, IDJIT, IDJIT!

MY POOR, PRECIOUS POPULARITY!

MAAAN, DID I SCREW UP!

GAH!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING, DUM-DUM?

SHUT IT!

WHAT DO YOU WANT?!

STILL MESSED UP IN THE HEAD, I SEE.

NUTHIN'.

NOW EVERYONE HATES YOU!

S-SORT OF...

UH?!

SO HOW'D IT GO?

COME UP WITH A CONVINCING STORY?

HMPH.

WE'RE ENEMIES, YOU KNOW!

AND COULD YOU GET LOST?!

SPARE ME, WOULD YOU?!

AND YET YOU'RE ALONE.

THOSE PEOPLE ARE USUALLY STRINGING ALONG BEHIND YOU...

...LIKE GOLDFISH TURDS.

BAD-MOUTH ME.

YOU DIDN'T DO IT, DID YOU?

KLAK

!

SURE, SURE.

GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT?!

I RAKED YOU OVER THE COALS!

YOU BET I DID!

I HAVE TO EARN INCOME FOR MY FAMILY'S SAKE...

...AND WALK AWAY.

I CAN'T JUST LEAVE IT LIKE THAT...

YUCK! HE'S DRIPPING SOME KINDA WHITE STUFF!

THAT GUY ?! HE'S STILL AFTER US!

EWE AND MAI CRY...

CHIQUI-TITA...

CHIQUI-
TITA...

HUH?

IS HE
OKAY
?!

DADDYYY!

CHIQUI-TITA...

I'M SORRY ...

W-
WHERE
AM I?

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*SHIRT: FISH

...!

HMM...

HE'S AN ALIEN.

SEE, GRANNY?!

ARE YOU SURE THIS ISN'T A *KAPPA*?

DOESN'T *SEEM* LIKE IT SOMEHOW.

SO WHAT DO WE DO WITH HIM?

WE'VE BANDAGED HIM UP, BUT...

...HE MAY TRY TO ATTACK US AGAIN.

I'M TELLING YOU, IT'S NOT AN ALIEN. IT'S A KAPPA!

THERE'S AN ALIEN RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU, AND YOU *STILL* DON'T BELIEVE IT? WHAT THE HELL?!

ARE YOU KIDDING?!

WELL, ACTUALLY, SOME PEOPLE WOULD ARGUE THAT KAPPA ARE ALIENS!

...

BETTER STOP RIGHT THERE! WE'VE GOT MY GRANNY ON OUR SIDE THIS TIME!

!

CHAK

HUP

JOLT

UH ...

BUH HUH ...

WE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT ALIENS EAT...

OH, THAT?

...SO WE JUST MADE YOU SOME CURRY.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO EAT IT IF YOU DON'T WANNA.

?

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER GOTTEN...

...THIS KIND OF MEDICAL ATTENTION...

...OR BEEN TREATED SO KINDLY...

I SWEAR...

...I'LL NEVER TRY TO HURT YOU PEOPLE AGAIN.

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27. Have You Ever Seen a Cattle Mutilation?

SINCE I'M A GUEST, YOU SHOULD OFFER ME THE *NODOGURO!*

YOU CAN HAVE SOME GINGER, AND THAT'S IT!

SO WHAT IF YOU'RE A GUEST?!

QUIT EATING ALL THE *TORO!*

YOU ATE MY *UNI!*

BURF!

DURF!

YOU DUMB CUE BALL!

KYAA!

KYAA!

KYAA!

YOU UGLY BALDIE!

YOU LITTLE TURDS!

I'M NEVER GIVING YOU SUSHI AGAIN!

BUT YOU LEFT THE UNI THERE!

I *LEFT* IT CUZ I WAS SAVING IT FOR LAST...

...YOU LITTLE SHIT!

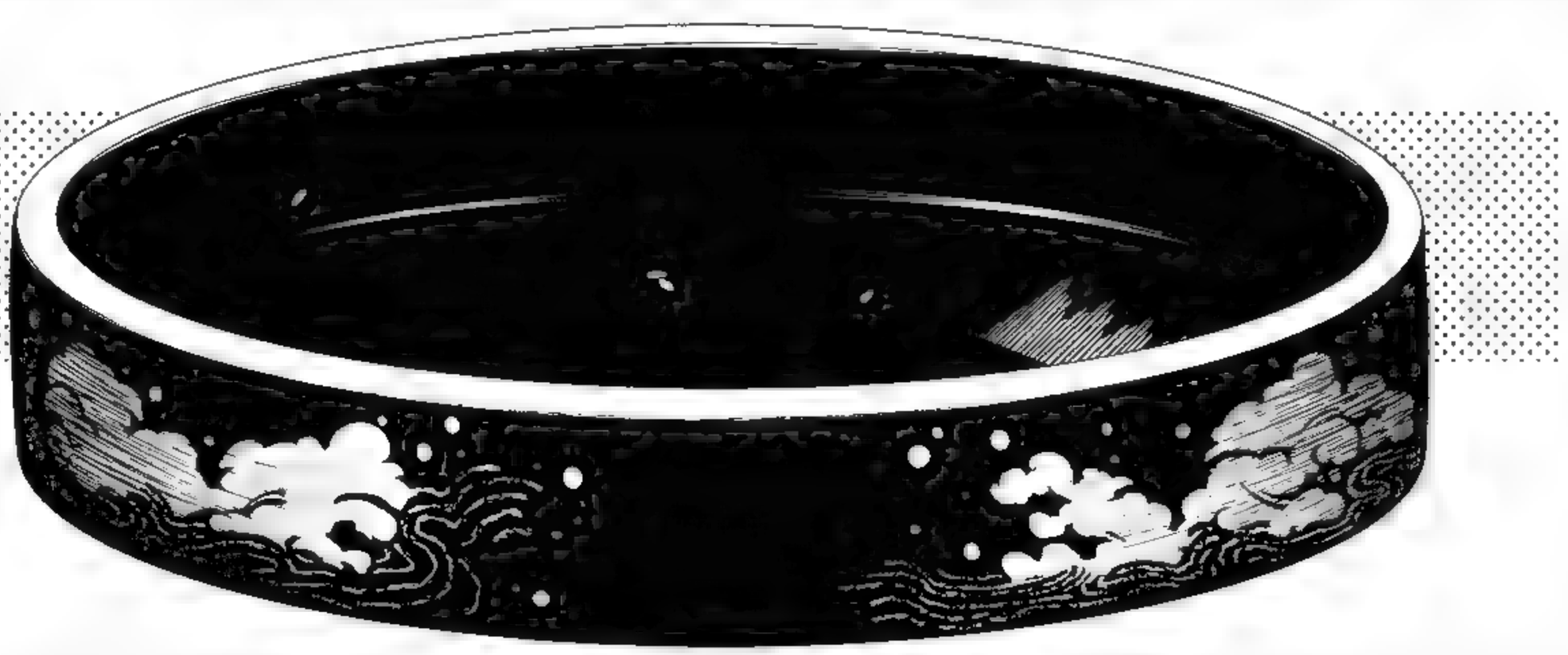
SO EAT THE *KAPPA-MAKI*!

YOU'RE A KAPPA!

DUKU!

BIFF

BIFF



MY SON IS SICK.

HE LOSES BLOOD WHEN HE POOS AND PEES.

AND IF HE DOESN'T GET DAILY BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS, HE'LL DIE.

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MY WIFE DIED FROM THE SAME ILLNESS.

MY [illegible] IS A CONFLICT ZONE, AND I HAVE NO MEANS OF PROCURING FUNDS THERE...

...SO I LEFT IT TO EARN FOREIGN CURRENCY ELSEWHERE.

HUH? WHAT? SORRY, I DIDN'T CATCH THAT!

FOR HIS TREATMENT, I NEED [illegible].

IT'S WHAT YOU CALL "MONEY."

I AM IN NEED OF MUCH MONEY.

BUT I AM WEAK.

WE [illegible] HAVE TOUGH BODIES.

WE CAN GET WORK AS [illegible] OR BODYGUARDS AND THE LIKE.

ALL I CAN DO IS DANGEROUS WORK AS AN OUTLAW.

THERE'S NO WORK FOR A [illegible] LIKE ME WHO'S FALLEN ON HARD TIMES.

...AND I'VE FILLED MY SON WITH ANXIETY.

...I'VE HURT YOU PEOPLE...

BECAUSE I'M WEAK, MY WIFE HAS DIED...

PATHETIC!

I'M PATHETIC!

WHAT CAN WE DO TO GET YOU OUT OF THIS?

...WOULD IT SAVE YOUR SON?!

IF YOU HAD MY WIENER...

GET IT BACK? FROM *WHERE*?!

FIRST OF ALL, THE KID'S TREATMENT REQUIRES DAILY TRANS-FUSIONS...

...SO THERE'S NO POINT IN GETTING A LUMP SUM, IS THERE?!

IF HE CAN GET MONEY FOR IT, THEN I'M BASICALLY OKAY WITH IT!

DON'T EVEN GO THERE!

HAH?! WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!

WE CAN FIND A WAY TO GET IT BACK LATER!

HOW'S HE SUPPOSED TO EARN THE MONEY?!

HE *WANTS* TO WORK, BUT THERE AREN'T ANY JOBS FOR HIM!

THE SITUATION'S AWFUL, BUT HE NEEDS A STEADY INCOME SO HE CAN PAY FOR THE CARE!

I WANT TO HELP HIM!

I KNOW ALL ABOUT HIS DILEMMA NOW...

I CAN'T JUST PRETEND I DON'T!

LOOK, CALM DOWN.

I UNDER-STAND HOW YOU FEEL, BUT...

YOUR, UH... YOU KNOW... THING, TAKAKURA...

I'D GET IT BACK FOR YOU.

AS IF YOU COULD BE!

...COULD NEVER BE HIS PARTNER.

...HE WANTS TO HELP SOMEONE...

THE KIND OF WOMAN WHO WON'T SUPPORT TAKAKURA WHEN HE SAYS...

SHUT UP, YOU DUMB SKANK!

BADMP

KEN TAKAKURA, YOUR THOUGHT-FUL-NESS...

...WARMS MY HEART.

BUT I HAVE IMPOSED UPON YOU FAR TOO MUCH ALREADY.

THE ONLY WAY IS TO DO PROPER WORK.

IT IS AS YOU SAY, MOMO AYASE.

...HURT YOU ANY FURTHER.

AS PROMISED, I WILL NOT...

HOLD UP.

I AM SORRY FOR STAYING SO LONG.

THANK YOU, TRULY.

ABOUT YOUR BLOOD.

IT'S RANK.

SHUT UP, YOU LITTLE TURD.

SNIFF SNIFF

IT'S NOT PC!

THAT'S ALIENISM!

HEY! YOU CAN'T SAY THAT!

WHO'S NOT PC, DAMN IT?

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THESE BLOOD-SOAKED BANDAGES ...

...HAVE A FAMILIAR SCENT.

THIS WHITE FLUID.

IT'S YOUR BLOOD?

TRY LAPPING UP A BIT OF THAT.

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INTENSE MILK

yuji
INTENSE
MILK

HUH?!

UH?

HM?

TH-THIS IS...!

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INTENSE
MILK

yuji
INTENSE MILK

yuji
INTENSE
MILK

...THE VERY SAME!

IT'S OUR BLOOD!

GRANNY, HOW CAN THIS BE?!

YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!

THOSE BANDAGES.

THEY SMELL LIKE RAGS USED TO WIPE UP MILK.

...BUT I NEVER IMAGINED MILK WAS THE BLOOD OF KAPPA MONSTERS TOO!

MILK IS THE "BLOOD" OF COWS IN A WAY...

HMM. IT'S A BIT WEAK THOUGH.

IT'S DILUTED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

THE DOVER DEMON'S BLOOD IS MILK!

WELL, WE'LL GO GET LOTS OF MILK THEN!!!

FOR REAL ?!

YOU'VE GOTTA GIVE IT ALL YOU'VE GOT...

I KNOW A DAIRY FARMER.

...AND TAKE CARE OF YOUR HEALTH.

I'LL ASK HIM TO GIVE YOU A COW.

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I'LL NEVER FORGET MY DEBT TO YOU!

THANK YOU KINDLY!

...I'LL BE ON YOUR SIIIDE!

IF YOU'RE EVER IN NEED...

I'M THIS PLANET'S PROTEC-TOR!

NEVER COME BACK HERE AGAIN!

IT'S HUGE!

HOLY MOLY!

SHUT THE HELL UP! YOU'LL DISTURB THE NEIGHBORS! JUST HURRY UP AND LEAVE!

CATTLE MUTILA-TIOOON!

SOME PEOPLE WOULD ARGUE THAT KAPPA MONSTERS ARE ALIENS.

OKARUN, DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS OLD BAG!

WHA?!

I TOLD YOU, THAT WAS A KAPPA.

HAH?

YOU BELIEVE IN ALIENS *NOW*, RIGHT, GRANDMA?

USE THE MONEY FROM YOUR APPEAR-ANCES AS SANTA DODORIA!

THO OM

WE BEG OF YOU! PLEASE BUY US NEW UNIFORMS, GRANNY!

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THIS TIME WE REALLY WILL TAKE GOOD CARE OF THEM!

HOW MANY DAMN TIMES DO I HAVE TO BUY YOU KIDS UNIFORMS?!

AIRA AND FOUR-EYES.

I'LL BUY YOURS.

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WE'RE STUDENTS. WE DON'T HAVE MONEY.

FOR US TOO? ARE YOU SURE?!

INCIDEN-TALLY, THIS...

...IS OUR THIRD TIME.

AT TIMES LIKE THESE, YOU'VE GOT TO EXPLOIT THE FINANCIAL MEANS OF ADULTS.

URK...

IT SAYS, "LET'S EXPLOIT THE FINANCIAL MEANS OF ADULTS"!

I DON'T LIKE THE LOOK IN YOUR EYES.

HANG ON! HOW COME I DON'T GET ONE, DEAR HONORABLE GRANNY?!

!

...YOU'LL DO A HIROSHI ABE IMPRES-SION.

UNTIL I SAY STOP...

FINE. FORGET THE UNIFORM.

WHAT DO I CARE?

IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE TO WEAR ONE.

WHOA, WHOA.

LIKE I'D EVER DO THAT!

ARE YOU KIDDING ?!

JUST WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE TALKING TO?

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WELL ?

KINDA CUTE ...

BAH HAH HAH HAH! WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE?! IT'S OVER-THE-TOP!

HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THAT AT ALL! YOU MAKE ME SICK!

AH, MISS AYASE!

BUT KEEP THE IMPRESSION GOING!

MOMO, GO ANSWER IT.

BAH HAH HAH HAH!

ROCKET ENGINE VALVE!

DING DONG

I'M ROCKET ENGINE VALVE!

HELLO!

BWA HAH HAH HAH!

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DON'T STOP!

I'LL BE WATCHING YOU FROM HERE!

ROCKET ENGINE VALVE!

HUH?

MOMO?

JIJI?!

WELL, YA SEE...

WHO'S HE?

HUH?! WHAT?!

WHY ARE *YOU* HERE?!

YOUR MOM TOLD ME YOU'D BE COMING.

OH, YOU'RE HERE.

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HE'S MOMO'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND...

...AND *FIRST LOVE.*

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HE'S MISS AYASE'S...

...FIRST LOVE?!

BASED ON HIS OUTFIT, HE MUST BE A TRUE-BLUE ATHLETE!

GEE, HE LOOKS COOL...

...I BET HE'S A REAL TOUGH GUY.

IF MISS AYASE'S FALLEN FOR HIM...

HE LOOKS REALLY SINCERE TOO.

THAT TOTALLY TERRIBLE IMPRESSION YOU DID?

PRICELESS.

OOH, MOMO! YER SHUCH A SHWEETY!

GIMME MORE!

I'LL TAKE THAT ANNOYING! WOO!

IT'S BEEN A WHILE, HUH, MOMO?

CAN WE START WITH A HUG?

GOD, YOU'RE ANNOYING. WHAT'S WITH YOU?

THWIP WIP WIP

OKARUN, HELP ME MURDER THIS DUDE?

LONG TIME NO SEE, JIJI.

OH! GOOD EVENING. YES, IT *HAS* BEEN A LONG TIME.

YOU LOOK LOVELY AS ALWAYS, MA'AM.

YOU'VE GROWN INTO QUITE A GENIUS, I SEE.

WELL, MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME.

HUH?

HANG ON. WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!

HM?

WELL, ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?

HE'S MOVING IN WITH US.

WHAT ABOUT MY PERMIS-SION!

HEY!

WELL, IF I MAY!

YOU OBJECT, BUT THAT'S MERELY AN EXPRESSION OF YOUR LOVE FOR ME!

NO WAY, NO HOW!

HAAH?! WHAT FOR?!

OH, YOU GENIUS.

ARE THEY TRYING TO BRING FORTH NEW DEVILS?!

THIS IS COM-PLETELY UNNATURAL.

H-HE'S GOING TO LIVE HERE?!

NO, I DON'T THINK IT'S THAT...

...TO PREPARE FOR THE COMING OF RAGNAROK?

COULD IT BE THEY'RE TRYING TO GATHER STEADFAST ALLIES...

...SO I'M FIGHTING ALONGSIDE YOU.

WE'RE FACING AN ALIEN THREAT RIGHT NOW...

BUT ONCE THAT'S OUT OF THE WAY, IT'S YOUR TURN!

HUH? SHE'S OVER-COMPLI-CATING THINGS AGAIN.

SO IT WOULD SEEM.

WHAT'S YOUR BEEF?!

WELL, I WON'T ALLOW IT, MOMO AYASE!

LET ME TELL YOU, YOUR SCHEMES...

...ARE COM-PLETELY TRANS-PARENT!

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TO TAKE YOU ON IN RAGNAROK!

WELL, I'M GATHERING ALLIES TOO!

IT'S ONE PAIN IN THE ASS AFTER ANOTHER AROUND HERE!

GUH!

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UNTIL NEXT TIME.

DASH

I'M OUT!

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TAKE CARE.

OH. OKAY.

WELL, I'LL BE ON MY WAY TOO, THEN.

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HNN!

HNN!

HUH?

OKARUN!

HNN!

WHAT'RE YOU SAYING?

"SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW," OBVIOUSLY!

IT IS?

IT'S YOUR TURN TO SAY IT!

THERE'S A TURN ORDER?

THERE IS! JUST SAY IT ALREADY!

ERR... UH...

SEE YOU...

...TOMOR-ROW...

GOOD.

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OKAY...

THROB

THROB

OFF-LIMITS

JIJI'S ROOM

I DON'T GET IT.

MA'AM, YOUR COOKING IS TOO GOOD, SERIOUSLY! WOO-HOO-HOO!

YOU'RE A TRUE GENIUS.

DID YOU HEAR ME?!

IN *FULL* DETAIL!

TELL ME WHY JIJI'S GONNA LIVE HERE.

GEEZ, YER COLD.

TIMES LIKE THIS, HE OUGHTA STAY WITH RELATIVES!

SO WHY *HERE*?!

PEOPLE GOTTA HELP EACH OTHER IN TIMES OF NEED.

LOOK, I TOLD YA.

JIJI'S PARENTS ARE BOTH IN THE HOSPITAL.

EAT YOUR FILL.

YOU REALLY ARE A GENIUS, HUH?

TANKS!

WHOA, WHOA, JIJI.

MA'AM, YOU'RE SO COOL, WOO!

BOY, WHERE DOES YOUR GENIUS END, JIJI?

EAT YOUR FILL.

GOLLY, YOU'RE SO SWEET, MA'AM. FOR REAL!

I'VE NEVER BEEN MOVED BY EMOTION, NOT ONCE.

DON'T BE STUPID.

GRANNY, HE'S JUST GOT YOU BY THE HEART-STRINGS!

THANKS!

SOME-THING FUNNY'S GOING ON HERE.

FUNNY *WEIRD!*

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CASETTE BOY

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WHEN WE WERE IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, I MADE FUN OF YOU, MOMO.

WERE WE EVER...

BUT LOOKING BACK NOW...

...I SERIOUSLY REGRET THAT.

...THAT GOOD OF FRIENDS?

EH ?!

DID YOU HAPPEN TO PICK UP A GOLDEN NUT?!

A GOLDEN NUT?

I...

...CAN SEE SPIRITS NOW.

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OH. NO.

FORGET I SAID ANYTHING...

IS THAT SOME KIND OF DIRTY JOKE?

THERE'S LOTS OF NATURE. I WAS LOVIN' IT.

THE PLACE WE ENDED UP MOVING TO IS WAY OUT IN THE MOUNTAINS.

ANYWAY, YOU AND I HAVE BEEN APART SINCE JUNIOR HIGH, WHEN I MOVED.

PLUS, THE HOUSE IS HUGE. REAL NICE.

BUT GRADUALLY ...

AT FIRST, IT WAS ALL SO EXCITING.

...I STARTED TO FEEL LIKE SOMETHING WAS OFF.

IT'S HARD TO EXPLAIN, BUT...

...THE THINGS THAT WERE THERE...

...LIKE THE TOILET AND THE BATH-ROOM...

THEY WERE SOMEHOW DIFFERENT.

I TOLD MY PARENTS ABOUT IT, BUT THEY WOULDN'T LISTEN.

I EVEN CONVINCED MYSELF...

...THAT I WAS JUST IMAGINING IT.

I PRETENDED NOT TO NOTICE AND WENT ON WITH MY LIFE.

BUT...

AFTER THAT, MY PARENTS STARTED GETTING SICK.

SO WE HIRED SOME SUPPOSEDLY FAMOUS SPIRIT MEDIUMS...

...TO PERFORM AN EXORCISM.

AND EVER SINCE...

...I SEE IT ALL THE TIME!

IT APPEARED RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME, CLEAR AS DAY...

...AS IF TO SAY, "HEY, LOOK AT ME!"

...OF THE FIVE OF THEM, THREE...

...COM-MITTED SUICIDE.

AND THEN...

THE LAST PERSON THEY TOLD ME TO CONTACT...

EVEN THE MOST EXPERIENCED MEDIUMS COULDN'T EXORCISE IT.

...IS HER.

THAT OLD BAG NEVER EVEN TOLD ME YOU WERE COMING.

I SEE NOW ...

...THAT COMING HERE WAS PROBABLY THE RIGHT CALL.

MOMO.

YOU COULD'VE TOLD ME THAT IN THE FIRST PLACE!

SO THAT'S THE STORY.

WOULD YOU STOP ALREADY?!

SORRY FOR WHAT?!

LOTS OF STUFF... MAKING FUN OF YOU IN THE PAST.

I'M SO SORRY.

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IF YOU NEED TO APOLOGIZE FOR IT, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE ASKED IN THE FIRST PLACE.

...IN THIS DANGEROUS STUFF.

GETTING YOU MIXED UP...

MY GRANDMA'S REAL TOUGH.

IT'S ALL RIGHT.

...THAT EVIL SPIRIT WITH ONE SHOT.

SHE'LL BEAT...

LIKE I TOLD YOU.

I CAN ONLY USE MY POWERS INSIDE KAMIKOSHI CITY.

HUH?!

I AIN'T DOIN' NUTHIN'.

HANG ON!

DID YOU JUST CALL HER YOUR "GRAND-MA"?!

SINCE WHEN ?!

SAY WHAT ?!

YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE ON THIS ASSIGNMENT, MOMO.

IT COULD BE THAT THE GOLDEN BALL HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT.

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HE WASN'T ABLE TO SEE SPIRITS BEFORE, BUT NOW HE CAN.

...AND I'LL BUY YOU UNIFORMS UNTIL THE COWS COME HOME.

TAKE ON THIS ASSIGN-MENT...

GO BLOW DOWN...

...THAT ACCURSED HOUSE!

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THAAANK YOUUU KINDLY! I'VE JUST TRANSFERRED HERE!

THE NAME'S JIN ENJOJI!

POM-PO-PO-POM!

BUT YOU CAN CALL ME JIJI!

WHOA! HE'S SO COOL!

AND HAND-SOME!

TCH!

BAH!

...ARE BOTH IN THE HOSPI-TAL.

ENJOJI'S PARENTS...

GEE-WHIZ, YER A CUTIE PATOOTIE!

...SO LET'S ALL GIVE HIM OUR SUPPORT.

IF I DON'T GET YOUR NUMBER, IT JUST MIGHT KILL ME!

OH NO!

HE'S GOING THROUGH A LOT RIGHT NOW...

BURNED BY A BEAUTY!

THE HOR-ROR!

UGH, PLAY-BOYS ARE SO ANNOY-ING.

I'LL SAVOR THOSE WORDS.

A BEAUTY?

NO! WE'RE *MUCH* CLOSER THAN THAT!

YOU TWO ARE RELATED, AREN'T YOU?

YOU CAN HAVE A SEAT NEXT TO AYASE.

NEITHER OF THOSE THINGS ARE TRUE.

WHAT THE...? I'M BEING DRAWN CLOSER AND CLOSER.

HMFF! HMFF!

HANG ON! DON'T YOU MEAN *MEGA* HANDSOME?!

YOU'RE JUST TOO SWEET!

AND HAND-SOME!

HE SEEMS LIKE A GOOD DUDE TO ME, MOMO.

YEAH. WHO IS HE?

WHO *IS* THIS GUY? HE'S SO FUNNY!

WE'RE SORT OF OLD FRIENDS FROM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL...

HOW DO I EXPLAIN IT?

LET ME FINISH.

HUH?! FOR REAL?!

WHAT?!

WE'RE TOTES LOVEY-DOVEY!

WE LIVE TOGETHER!

HEY, STOP THAT!

YOU'LL START WEIRD RUMORS!

YOU CAN'T DO THAT!

SHUT YOUR FAAACE!

MOMO AND I ARE IN A PARENTALLY APPROVED RELATION-SHIP!

MOMO'S ALREADY GOT OKARUN!

SERI-OUSLY?!

HUH? THEY'RE LIVING TOGE-THER?!

YES, IT'S BOTHERING ME...

AND SWEET...

HE CALLS HER "MOMO"...

I HAVE TO WONDER IF SHE STILL LIKES HIM NOW...

MISS AYASE'S FIRST LOVE...

...THEIR FEELINGS ARE MUTUAL?!

COULD IT BE...

...I WONDER IF SHE'LL STOP BEING FRIENDLY WITH ME...

IF MISS AYASE ENDS UP GOING OUT WITH HIM...

WHICH MEANS I WON'T BE ABLE TO TALK TO HER ABOUT IT IN MY DOWNTIME...

...OR EVEN HANG OUT WITH HER ANYMORE...

SHE'S SURE TO END UP LIKING WHATEVER HE'S INTERESTED IN...

...AND LOSE ALL INTEREST IN THE PARANOR-MAL....

KONK

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I'M USELESS!

I REALLY AM!

DING DONG BING BONG

...IS HONING YOUR BODY!

WHAT'S IMPORTANT NOW...

CAST OUT YOUR WORLDLY THOUGHTS, KEN TAKAKURA!

HOOH! HOOH!

WHAT'S THIS?

PRACTICING A SPECIAL MOVE?

...

OOF!

OH! THERE YOU ARE!

HERE?

I'M GOING TO EAT HERE.

HAVE YOU ALREADY HAD YOUR LUNCH, MISS AYASE?

I'M KEEPING MY EYE ON YOU TO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T DO ANYTHING WEIRD AGAIN.

...I CAN FEED YOU!

EH?!

HAVE YOU HAD YOUR LUNCH, OKARUN?

NOT YET, BUT...

THAT INCIDENT WITH MISS SHIRATORI WASN'T MY FAULT!

KEEPING AN EYE ON ME?

WELL, IF BOTH YOUR HANDS ARE FULL...

W-WELL, OKAY, IF YOU'RE SURE...

MOMO!

OH, UH?

YOU'RE THE GUY FROM MOMO'S YESTER-DAY.

YOU A FRIEND ?

KYAA! FOR REAL?

CHECK *THIS* OUT! PAMPY YOGURT FLAVOR!

...

IT'S A PRESENT FOR YOU! WOO-HOO!

HM? MOMO, ARE YOU JEALOUS?

HOW *KYOOT!*

NOPE.

WHAT? NOT EATING WITH MIIKO AND THE OTHERS?

BANANA YOGURT

IT'S NO USE...

I CAN'T WATCH...

...MISS AYASE HAPPILY CHATTING AWAY WITH THAT GUY...

...MISS AYASE.

I'LL TRY TO STOP HANGING OUT WITH...

!

YOU THINK I'LL JUST GIVE UP?!

...AND HER...

FOR BOTH ME...

IT'S FOR THE BEST...

AH!

MISS AYA-SEEE!

HAH?!

NOW WHAT IS IT?!

MAKE WAY THERE, WOULD YA?!

YIKES!

AIN'T NOBODY GONNA STOP ME!

ACK! WHAT IS THAT?!

OH NO! OH NO!

DON'T GET IN MY WAAAY!!

MOMO!

WHATEVER HAPPENS, IT'S NO SKIN OFF MY NOSE!

FREEZE, YOU DUMB BASTARD!

MOMO!

RUN FOR IT!

JIJI, GET AHOLD OF YOUR-SELF!

MOMO! HIDE BEHIND ME!

OKARUN! HIS BALL!

WHY, YOU-UUU-UUU!

IT'S GOLD-EN!

YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY!

YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE!

OKARUN, STOP HIM!

MOMO! HOLD ON TIGHT TO MEEE!

GYAAAH!

MISS AYASE!

GET AWAY FROM MISS AYASE!

ALL RIGHT, YOU!

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KRAK

I REALLY DON'T LIKE THIS!

CAN'T HE JUST STAY AWAY FROM HER?!

HIS BALL IS GOLDEN!

OKARUN!

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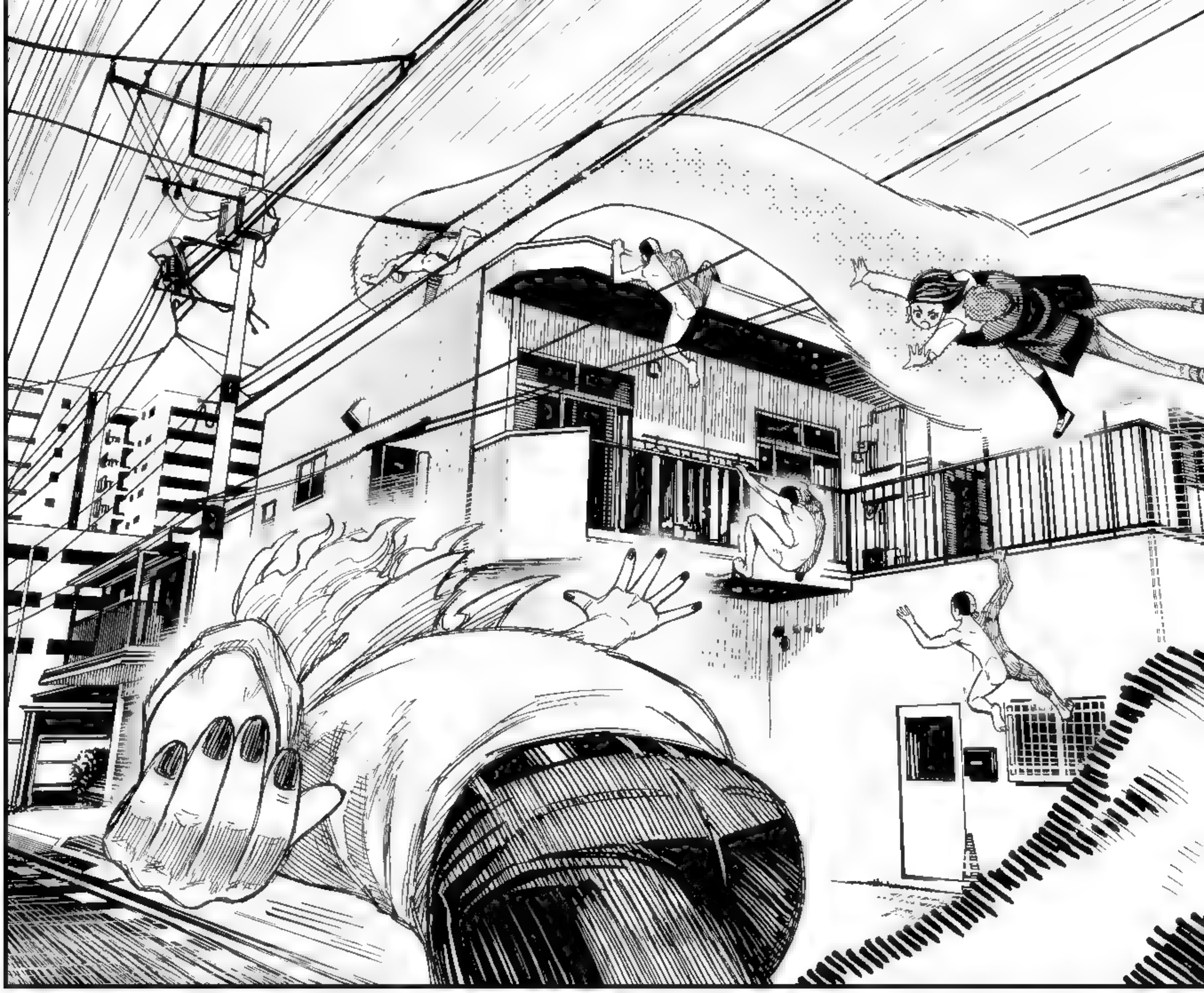
OKARUN!

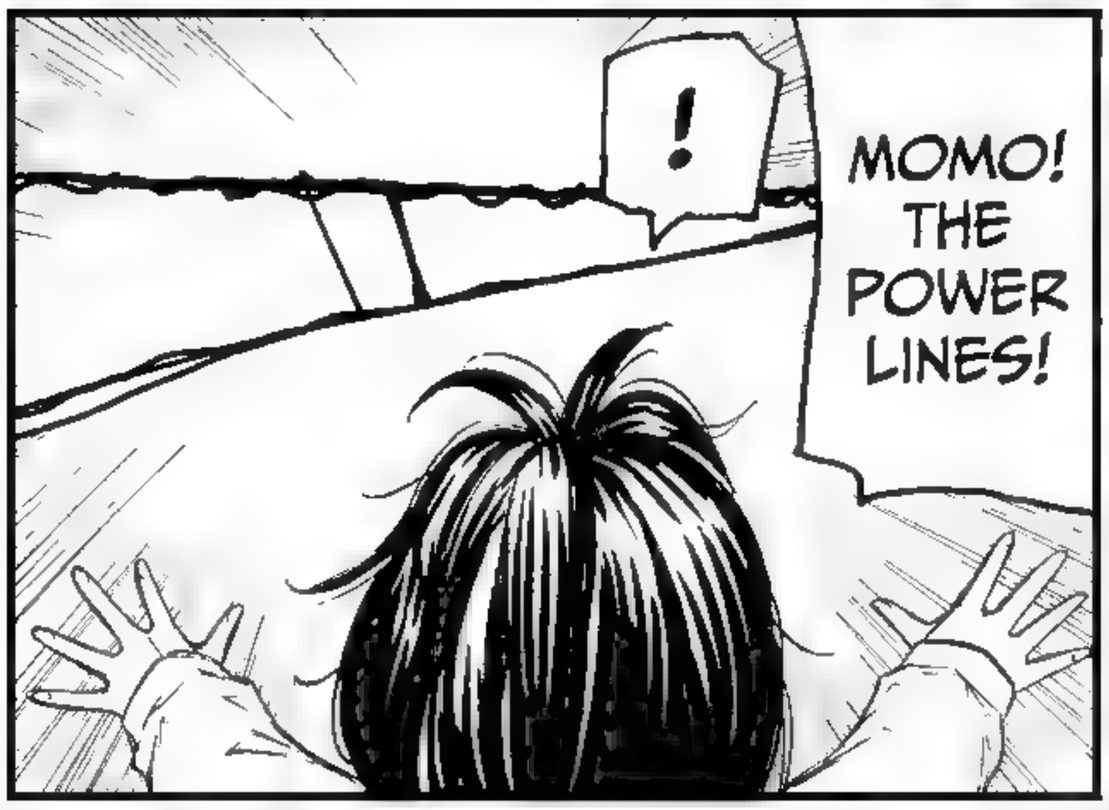
THERE'S ANOTHER MONSTER!

WHAT A BUMMER.

YOU'RE SCHEMING TO STOP ME, AREN'T YOU?!

BUT I CAN'T BE STOPPED!

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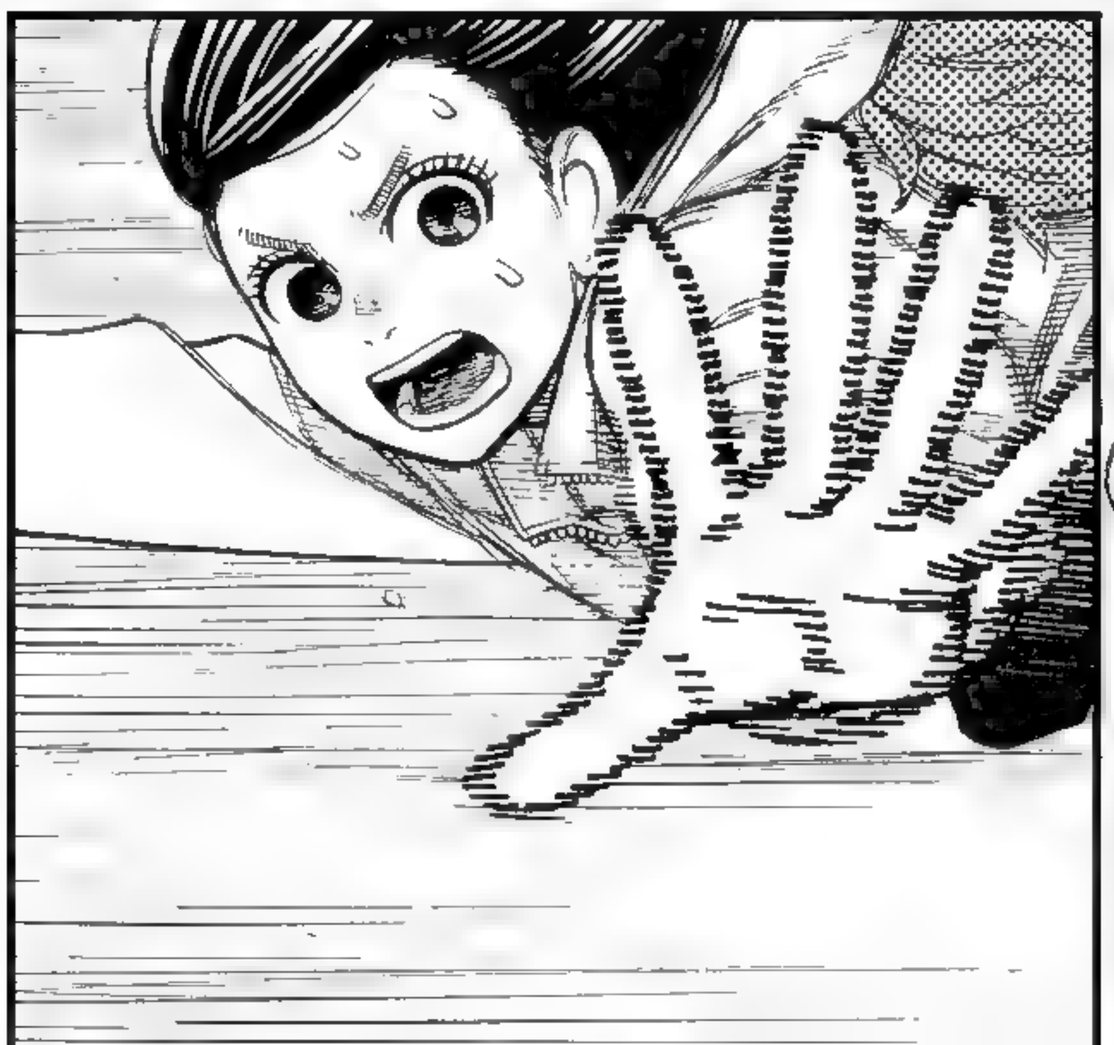
MOMO! THE POWER LINES!

AAH! OKA-RUN!



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NO WAY! SERI-OUSLY ?!

HE WAS WITH US BEFORE, REMEM-BER?!

MOMO-CHAN, WHAT ABOUT HIM?

IT'S OKAY!

I WILL PRO-TECT YOU, MOMO!

EEEK! THE MONSTER'S CAPTURED US!

THANK YOU, OKARUN! YOU SAVED US!

WOULD YOU *STOP* THAT!

OKARUN'S ON OUR SIDE!

BIFF

BIFF

I'VE STILL GOT A FIRM GRIP ON HIM.

AGH!

JIJI, YOU HELP TOO!

OKARUN, PLANT YOUR FEET HARD!

NEVER!

I WON'T GIVE UP!

I DON'T WANT TO GIVE UP!

TAKE THIS! I HOPE YOU'VE LEARNED YOUR LESSON, YOU BUTT NUGGET!

NOW HAUL HIM IN NICE AND SLOW!

EWW! THAT'S NASTY!

MOMO! HE'S GETTING AWAY, SEE?!

MERGE!

OKARUN, AFTER HIM!

OH NO! WE'VE LOST HIM!

H-HOLY MOLY!

WE DON'T KNOW WHICH WAY HE WENT.

WHAT DO WE DO?

HE'S MORPH-ING!

KRIK KRAK

PUNCH

HMPH!

HUH?! WHAT WAS THAT?!

THIS WAY!

AAAUGH!

ARRGH!!

!

RRG

RRG

?

MISS AYASE, WHAT IS THAT YOU'RE DOING?

SKWEEZ SKWEEZ

CAN WE REALLY JUST WALK IN WITHOUT PERMIS-SION?

IN HERE?

AH.

HE LOOKS KINDA POOPED, DON'T HE?

HEH HEH HEH!

HE'S HERE! MISS AYASE, HOW DID YOU KNOW WHERE HE WENT?!

DAMN IT!

I ALMOST GOT AWAY...

AND THEN I HEARD HIM SCREAM OUT IN PAIN.

I THOUGHT, WHAT IF I PUNCHED IT?

HEH HEH HEH!

YIKES!

NOW I FEEL KINDA BAD...

WOO-HOO! NICE ONE!

WHEN THE BASTARD SPLIT APART AND RAN...

...I HELD ONTO HIS HEART.

COULD YOU SHOW ME YOUR GOLDEN BALL?

MISS AYASE... A LITTLE LESS TO THE POINT, MAYBE?

I THINK IT MIGHT BELONG TO MY FRIEND.

ARE DIRTY JOKES REALLY THIS POPULAR ?!

IF YOU'LL PROMISE NOT TO RUN AWAY...

...I'LL GIVE YOU YOUR HEART BACK.

WE'RE NOT HERE TO CATCH AND EAT YOU.

HANA!

HANA, WHERE ARE YOU?! HANA!

TARO ?!

THAT VOICE... IS THAT YOU, TARO?!

I'M NOT GIVING UP!

NO!

STAY AWAY, TARO!

NO! DON'T COME NEAR ME!

WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON HERE?!

HUH ?!

...

I WON'T GIVE UP ON YOU, HANA!

WHY DID YOU COME AFTER ME?! WHY DID YOU PUT YOURSELF IN SUCH DANGER?!

I'VE FOUND YOU! I'VE FINALLY FOUND YOU!

BECAUSE I LOVE YOU, OF COURSE!

MY WORLD USED TO BE GRAY...

...BUT THANKS TO YOU...

...NOW IT'S IN COLOR!

SINCE THE MOMENT I MET YOU...

...MY LIFE HAS CHANGED COM-PLETELY!

I PLAYED MY PART, AND NOW IT'S OVER!

GO BACK BEFORE YOU ALSO END UP IN THE TRASH!

NO! WE COME FROM DIFFERENT ERAS!

I DON'T CARE.

WE LIVE IN DIFFERENT WORLDS!

WHATEVER HAPPENS, I'M NOT LETTING GO OF YOU!

YOU'RE THE WOMAN I FELL IN LOVE WITH.

OH, TARO!

...I'LL REGRET IT FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!

IF I DON'T DO SOMETHING RIGHT HERE AND NOW...

LET'S RUN AWAY TOGETH-ER!

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PLEASE!

PATPAT

LET HER STAY IN THIS HOUSE!

THIS HOUSE IS THE ONLY PLACE...

WE CAN'T!

...WE COULD HOPE FOR PERMISSION!

LET HER STAY AT YOUR HOUSE THEN, WHY DON'TCHA ?

AND WHAT HAPPENED TO THE GUY?

I BET SHE DOESN'T EVEN EAT, DOES SHE?!

HEY, DON'T LUMP ME IN WITH THAT SMALL FRY!

WE TOOK THE CAT IN TOO, SO WHY NOT?

HE WENT BACK TO THE SCIENCE CLASS-ROOM.

HUH?

*SHIRT: MELON BREAD

AS LONG AS HANA'S SAFE...

...HE SAID HE'LL GO BACK TO BEING AN ANATOMICAL MODEL.

BUT IN EXCHANGE ...

...HE WANTS PERMISSION TO SEE HER...

...WHENEVER HE SLIPS OUT OF SCHOOL AT NIGHT.

OF ALL THE... SO YOU'RE AN ANATOMICAL MODEL *IN HEAT*?!

YOU CAN BE ALL LOVEY-DOVEY, JUST DON'T BOTHER THE NEIGHBORS.

PUH-LEEEASE !!!

PUH-LEEEASE !

SO OUR HOPES REST ON YOUR MAGNANIMOUS HEART, MA'AM!

TURNS OUT IT WAS JUST A CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT OR SOMETHING.

THAT'S CRAZY.

OH, RIGHT. ABOUT THAT...

ANYWAY, WHAT ABOUT THE NUT?

THAT MAKES NO SENSE.

WELL, WHAT CAN YOU DO?

LIKE ANIMALS WHEN THEY COURT EACH OTHER AND THEIR BUTTS GO ALL COLORFUL.

YOU'RE GONNA EAT WITH US TOO, AREN'T YOU, OKARUN?

OH. YEAH.

THANK YOU!

I'LL MAKE DINNER. GET THE TABLE READY.

AND YOU TOO, OKARUN.

THAT TRANSFOR-MATION WAS WICKED!

MOMO. YOU WERE, LIKE, OVER-THE-TOP POWERFUL!

NOW I UNDER-STAND...

...WHY GRANNY ENTRUSTED YOU WITH THE EXORCISM!

NO... YOU DON'T...

I WISH I HAD AWESOME POWERS TOO!

IT WAS SO BADASS!

GRACIAS! GRAB THAT SIDE.

ROGER THAT!

HUP! HUP!

WHY YOU! YOU'RE JUST GETTING IN THE WAY!

OH!

LET ME HELP!

I'M GETTING THE TABLE OUT. MOVE IT!

HUH?

OH!

MOMO, THERE'S A LITTLE...

GOT A SPECK OF DUST OFF YOU.

THANKS.

OH.

NO WAY, NO HOW!

SAY IT ONE MORE TIME AND I'LL GET OUT OF THE WAY.

NO. NOW GET OUT OF THE WAY!

YOU COULD BE A BIT *MORE* GRATEFUL.

WHATEVER HAPPENS, I'M NOT LETTING GO OF YOU!

YOU'RE THE WOMAN I FELL IN LOVE WITH.

...I'LL REGRET IT THE REST OF MY LIFE!

IF I DON'T DO SOME-THING RIGHT HERE AND NOW...

MISS AYASE, THERE'S DIRRRT !!!

THANKS ...

WHAT'S THE MATTER ?

I GOT IT.

SORRY.

OVER WHAT?

I'M GOING TO STAND UP AND FIGHT.

I'VE DECIDED I'M NOT GOING TO HOLD BACK.

...I MET YOU!
SINCE THE DAY...
...ON YOU.
...EYES...
I'VE SET...
...MYYY...
EVEN NOW, AND AL-WAYS!
YOU'RE IN THE WAY.
MOR-ONS.
HEY.
TO-MOR-ROW!
LET'S TRY TO CHANGE...
I WANT TO SHOUT...
...YOU!
...LOVE...
I...

ALSO, MOMO, YOU'LL BE STAYING AT JIJI'S HOUSE OVER THE WEEKEND.

!

BE SURE TO PACK YOUR UNDER-WEAR AND THINGS.

HOLD UP!

WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT OUT LOUD?!

KEEP IT DOWN IN THERE !!!

YER KICKING UP DUST ALL OVER THE PLACE!

SORRRY !!!

HUH?!

DIDN'T I TELL YOU?!

MISS AYASE.

YOU'RE GOING TO JIJI'S HOUSE?

WHY ?!

THAT'S WHY HE'S HERE.

YES.

THEY WANT ME TO CLEANSE IT.

JIJI'S HOUSE IS CURSED.

SO IT'LL BE JUST THE TWO OF YOU? *ALONE?!*

I'D BE UNEASY ON MY OWN.

I WAS PLANNING TO INVITE YOU, OKARUN.

NO WAY!

THAT WAY WE CAN GET JIJI BACK TO HIS OWN HOUSE QUICKLY!

LET'S RESOLVE IT QUICKLY!

IN THAT CASE, LET'S GET TO IT QUICKLY!

WHAT THE...?

メロンパン

THANK YOU-HOO!

IS IT OKAY TO BE HERE WITHOUT PERMIS-SION?

YIKES! THE SCHOOL'S FREAKY AT NIGHT!

LIKE I SAID, IT'S FINE.

WE'RE JUST HOLDING A LITTLE SÉANCE.

STOP IT! THAT'S NOT FUNNY!

DID YOU HEAR SOME-THING?

HUH? HANG ON A SECOND.

I'LL TAKE THE VIDEO.

THUT
THUT
THUT
THUT
THUT
THUT
THUT
WHA–?! OH NO!
I HATE THIS!
NO WAY! FOR REAL?!

EEK!

YOU'RE IN MY WAY! MOVE!

GYAAAAH! A GHOST!

I'M ON MY WAY TO SEE YOUUU!

HOLD ON, HANAAA!

SHAAAA

YAWN

YAWN

AND IT'S ALMOST FOUR O'CLOCK...

HE'S STILL NOT HERE, HUH?

HE'LL BE HERE.

IT'LL BE OKAY.

I'LL WAIT HERE WITH YOU UNTIL HE SHOWS UP.

BUT DON'T WORRY.

PAPA

TARO...

...SCAT-TERED PARTS.

AND I WAS DELAYED GATHERING UP ALL THE...

SORRY, HANA...

I GOT HIT BY A TRUCK...

I LOVE YOU.

WHAT?! HEY!!!

!!!

OH NO...

I FELL ASLEEP...

THANK YOU FOR WAITING HERE WITH HER!

THANK YOU SO MUCH, MISS MOMO!

YOU COULD HAVE WOKEN ME NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE!

OFF-LIMITS

JIJI'S ROOM

YOU PLAN TO DO THIS EVERY DAY?!

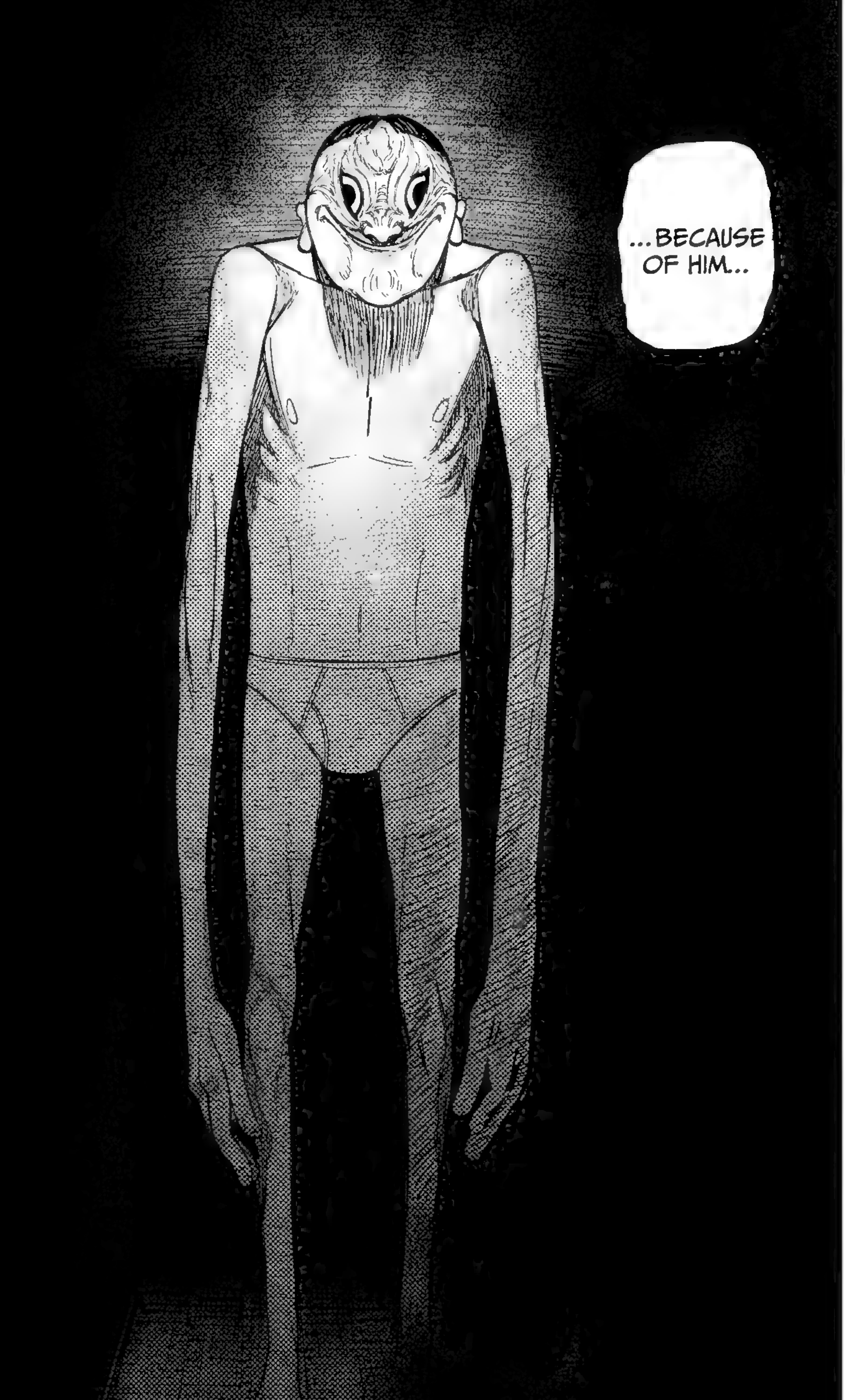
...BUT TOMORROW I'LL BE HERE BY TWO FOR SURE!

A LOT HAPPENED, SO I WAS LATE TODAY...

...

DAMN IT...

CAN'T SLEEP AGAIN...


...BECAUSE OF HIM..

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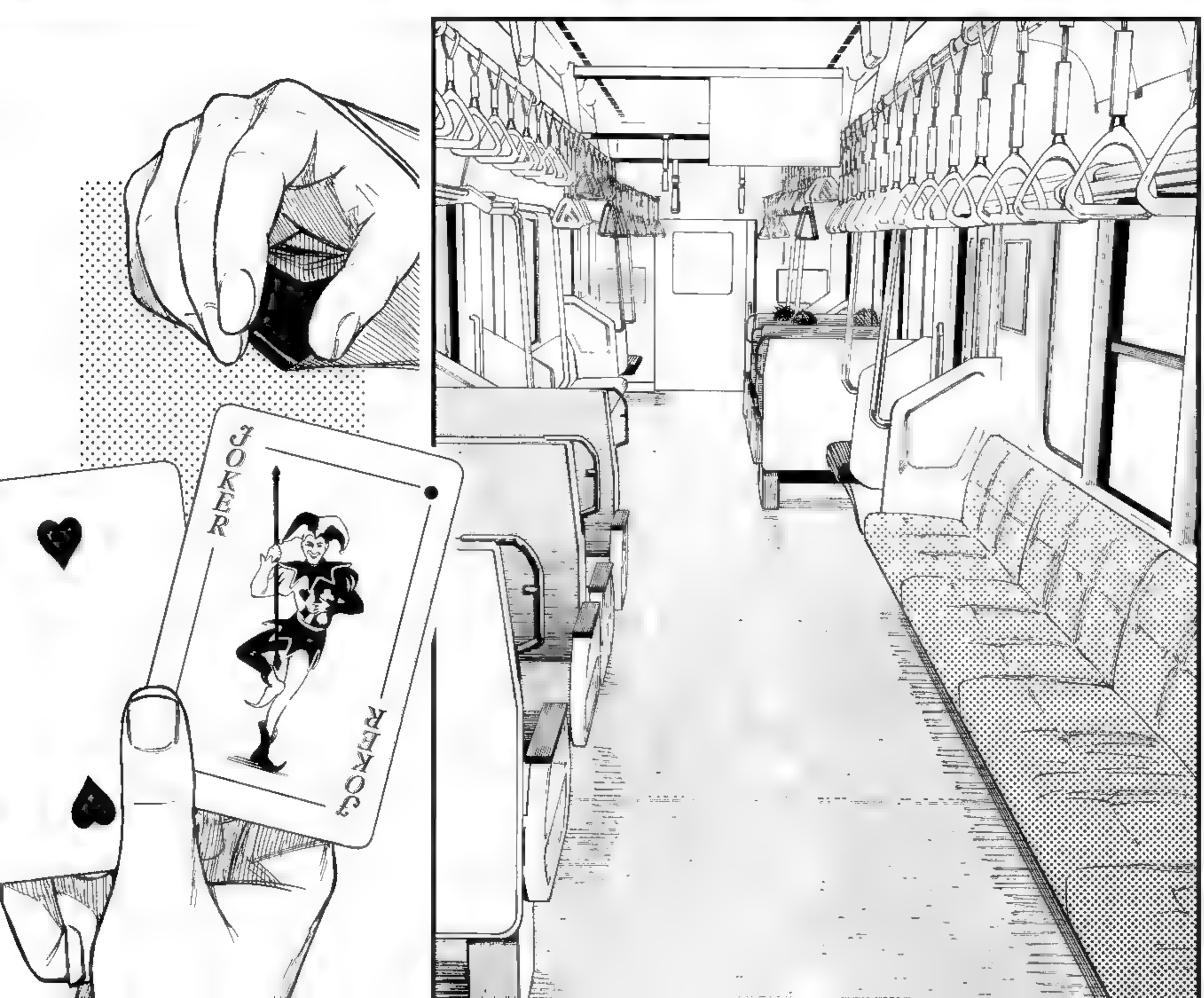

NOOO!

OH DAMN!

OR SO I *MADE YOU THINK*, BUT I'M TAKING *THIS* ONE INSTEAD!

HE'S LIKE A TODDLER, HUH?

TODDLER OKARUN.

PRICE-LESS!

I'M NOT PLAYING ANYMORE!

...YOU KNOW THAT?!

YOU GUYS ARE MEAN-SPIRITED...

SULK

OKARUN, YOU SERIOUSLY SUCK AT OLD MAID!

I LOVE THESE!

BOY, DO THESE TAKE ME BACK!

I BOUGHT TONS, SO YOU HAVE SOME TOO, MOMO!

WA-HOO!

OKARUN! HAVE SOME CHEAP CANDIES!

YOU'LL FEEL BETTER!

AWW, COME ON! WE'RE JOKING, WE'RE JOKING!

YEAH. AND THAT OLD LADY HASN'T CHANGED A BIT!

ACTUALLY, I WAS REALLY TOUCHED TO SEE THE OLD SWEETS SHOP WAS STILL THERE!

HAVING THOUGHTS LIKE THESE...

...MAKES ME SICK OF MY OWN SHORT-COMINGS...

...I DON'T LIKE THIS.

FOR SOME REASON ...

FOCUS ON GETTING MY NUT BACK!

GOTTA TAKE MY MIND OFF IT ALL SOMEHOW...

BUT... WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT THESE FEELINGS?

WHAT'S WRONG?

OKARUN!

MY NUT!

NO, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!

I WAS JUST ...

OKARUN, YOU THINK ABOUT YOUR NUTS TOO MUCH.

YOU KNOW, THIS HAS BEEN BOTHERING ME FOR A WHILE.

SINCE WHEN DID DIRTY JOKES BECOME SUCH A FAD?

AH!

EH?!

PFFT!

LOOK, THERE'S NO DIRTY-JOKE CRAZE.

FOR REAL.

VAMO LA!

LIKE THAT KAZU COMMER-CIAL!

WELL, LET ME START A NEW TREND!

IT'S THIS THING. IT'S A LONG STORY.

NO, NO!

MY JUNK!

I WILL NOW TELL YOU ABOUT THE TSUCHINOKO MONSTER!

WEEN WEEN

HANG ON, HANG ON!

TSUCHI-NOKO?! I WANT TO HEAR THIS!

BUT AS THINGS STAND, MY HEART WON'T HOLD OUT!

THAT WAS UNMANLY... VERY UNMANLY, KEN TAKAKURA!

...MISS AYASE'S ATTENTION!

I NEED TO DOMINATE...

AND I BELIEVE THE TSUCHI-NOKO...

...IS THE CRYPTID THAT WILL BE THE NEXT GORILLA!

CRYPTIDS ARE NOT JUST CREATURES OF THE IMAGINATION!

IN ACTUAL FACT, UNTIL ABOUT A HUNDRED YEARS AGO, EVEN GORILLAS WERE CONSIDERED CRYPTIDS!

WOW!

THE TSUCHINOKO SHRINE.

APPARENTLY, THERE'S A 200-YEAR-OLD SHRINE DEDICATED TO IT.

THAT REMINDS ME OF MY VILLAGE'S LEGEND ABOUT A HUGE SNAKE!

THERE'S A SHRINE DEDICATED TO A MUMMIFIED KAPPA TOO...

...SO A CRYPTID SHRINE IN AND OF ITSELF ISN'T THAT RARE!

HAH! I THREW THAT CRYPTID SHRINE RIGHT BACK IN HIS FACE!

GEE-WHIZ. SO BE IT. YOU BETTER STICK WITH *ME* THEN!

I WANT TO GO SEE IT! AND I WANT TO SEE THE TSUCHINOKO GIANT SNAKE!

THIS IS BAD! MY DOMINA-TION!

KAPPAS REALLY EXIST?!

FOR REAL?! MAN, THAT'S SUPER SPOOKY!

I THINK IT REALLY *DOES* EXIST! I HOPE I GET TO SEE IT!

THERE'S, LIKE, PICTURES AND STUFF!

WAIT. HANG ON. THEN WHAT ABOUT NESSIE?!

I WANT TO SEE IT TOO!

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME...

...I'VE GOTTEN TO SPEAK LIKE THIS WITH SOMEONE OTHER THAN MISS AYASE...

...BUT I SAW NESSIE WITH MY OWN EYES RECENTLY!

IT'S A KNOWN FAKE...

THAT PHOTO OF NESSIE IS KNOWN AS "THE SURGEON'S PHOTO-GRAPH."

FOR REAL ?!

WHAT THE...?

IT'S FUN...

I SERIOUSLY RESPECT YOU AS A FRIEND, YA KNOW?!

OKARUN, THAT'S AWE-SOME!

YOU KNOW JUST ABOUT EVERY-THING!

BUT YOU'RE MOMO'S FRIEND, RIGHT?!

SO WON'T YOU ALSO COUNT ME AS A FRIEND?

WHAT?! AM I WRONG ?!

A...A FRIEND...

THAT'S SHOCK-ING, MAN!

BWAH-HAH!

BREATHE!

MOMO, DON'T *YOU* COUNT ME OUT OF YOUR CIRCLE TOO!

YOU DON'T NEED TO KNOW, JIJI!

HUH?! WHAT'S THE DEAL?! WHY NOT?!

I TOLD YOU NOT TO SAY THAT!

GAH!

EXCUSE ME. I AM AN AWKWARD FELLOW, AFTER ALL...

...MORE UNLIKE-ABLE?

WHY ISN'T HE...

...MAKES ME...

I MEAN, SOMEONE THIS NICE...

WHOA, WHOA, WHOA!

蛇屋旅館

蛇屋

HOT SPRINGS

泉

天然温泉

天然温泉

丸一勾

*MOMO'S BAG: CHODENJI YOYO

*OKARUN'S BAG: ROCKET PUNCH

HE STUDIES VOLCANOES AT A NEARBY UNIVERSITY.

I THOUGHT YOUR DAD WAS A PROFES-SOR.

THAT'S SORT OF WHY WE MOVED HERE.

THERE ARE HOT SPRING BATHS HERE?!

THEY'RE RELATED TO MY DAD'S WORK, ACTUALLY.

APPARENTLY, THE LAST RECORDED ERUPTION WAS ABOUT 200 YEARS AGO, BUT...

A VOLCANO'S NOT GOING TO ERUPT, IS IT?

...THEY SAY IT'S BEEN DORMANT EVER SINCE.

SLURP-A-DURP!

I DON'T WANT TO ASK.

ARE YOU KIDDING?

HFFF... HFFF...

I DON'T SEE ANY-THING.

CAN YOU SEE ANY ODD AURA?

WELL, MOMO?

HOW MUCH STAMINA DO YOU HAVE EXACTLY?!

WEEN WEEN

FOR REAL ?!

THE SPIRIT MEDIUMS ALL SAID IT WAS MESSED UP!

IN FACT, IT'S, LIKE, SUPER ORDINARY.

WELL, LET'S REST. I'M PARCHED!

WAIT. YOU REALLY DON'T SEE ANYTHING ?!

REALLY TRULY ?!

MISS AYASE, WAIT FOR ME PLEASE!

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AH! RIGHT.

OKARUN, COME ON, HURRY UP!

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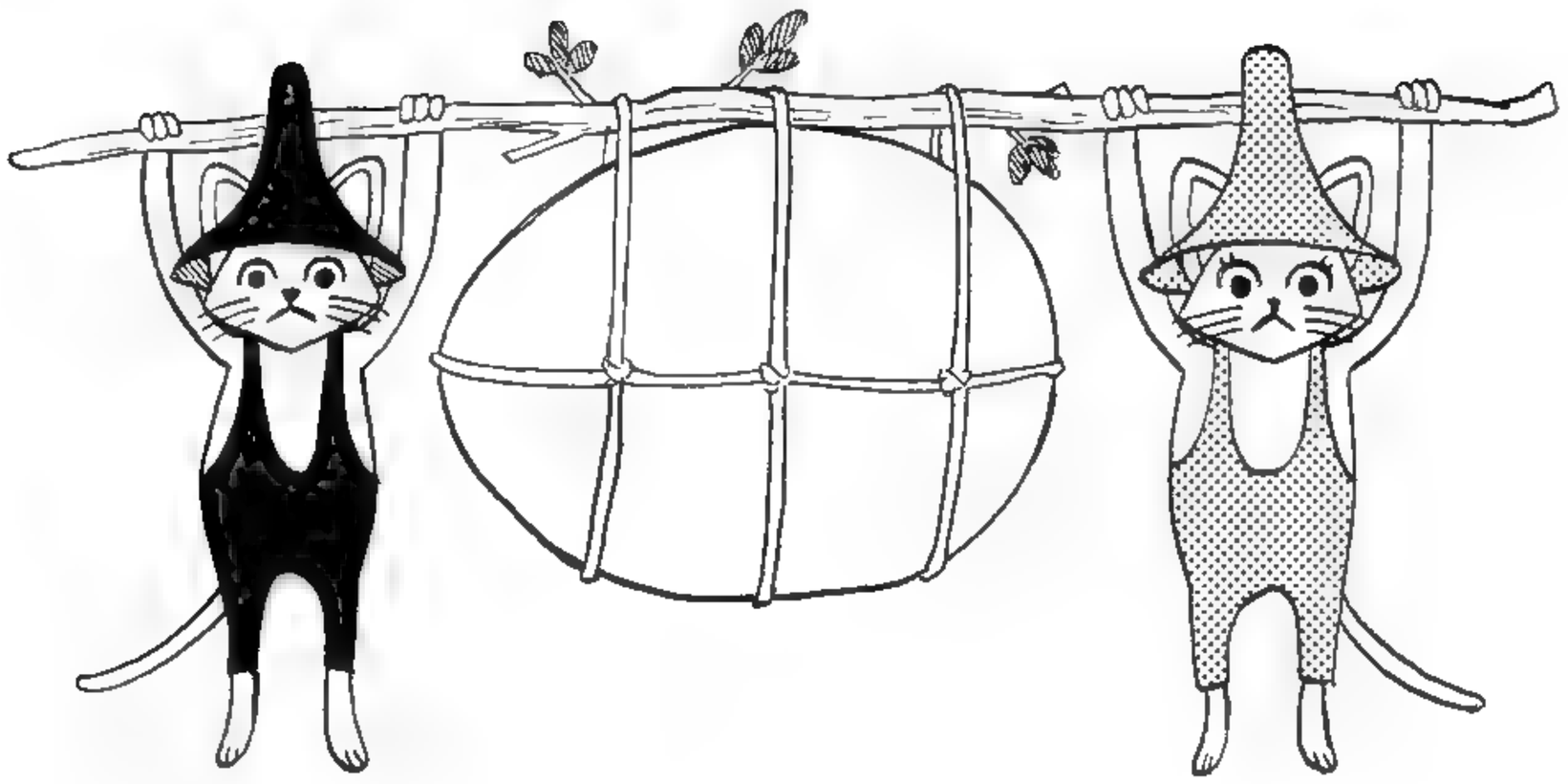

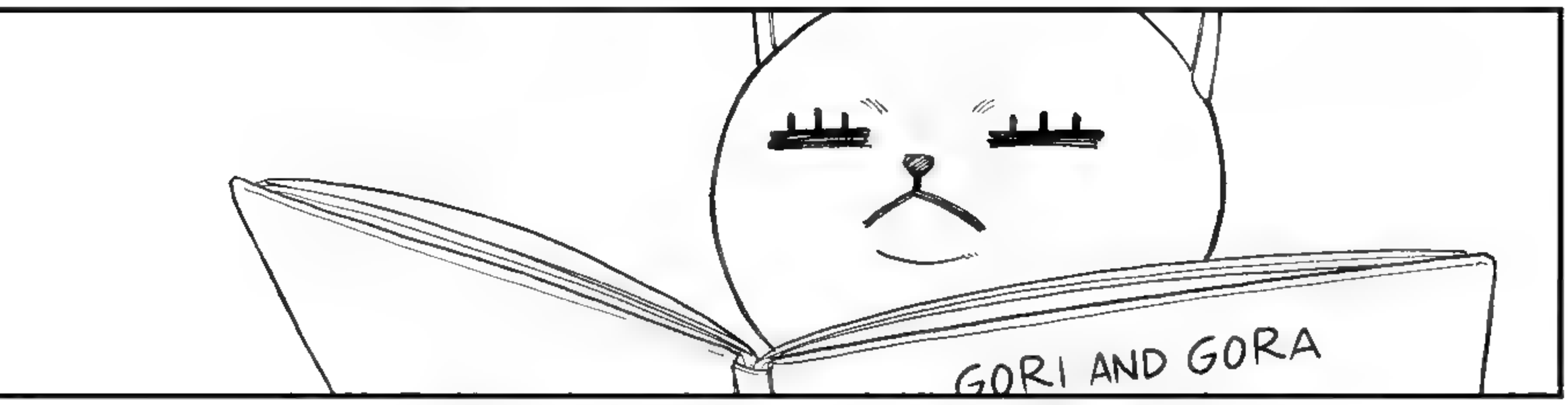

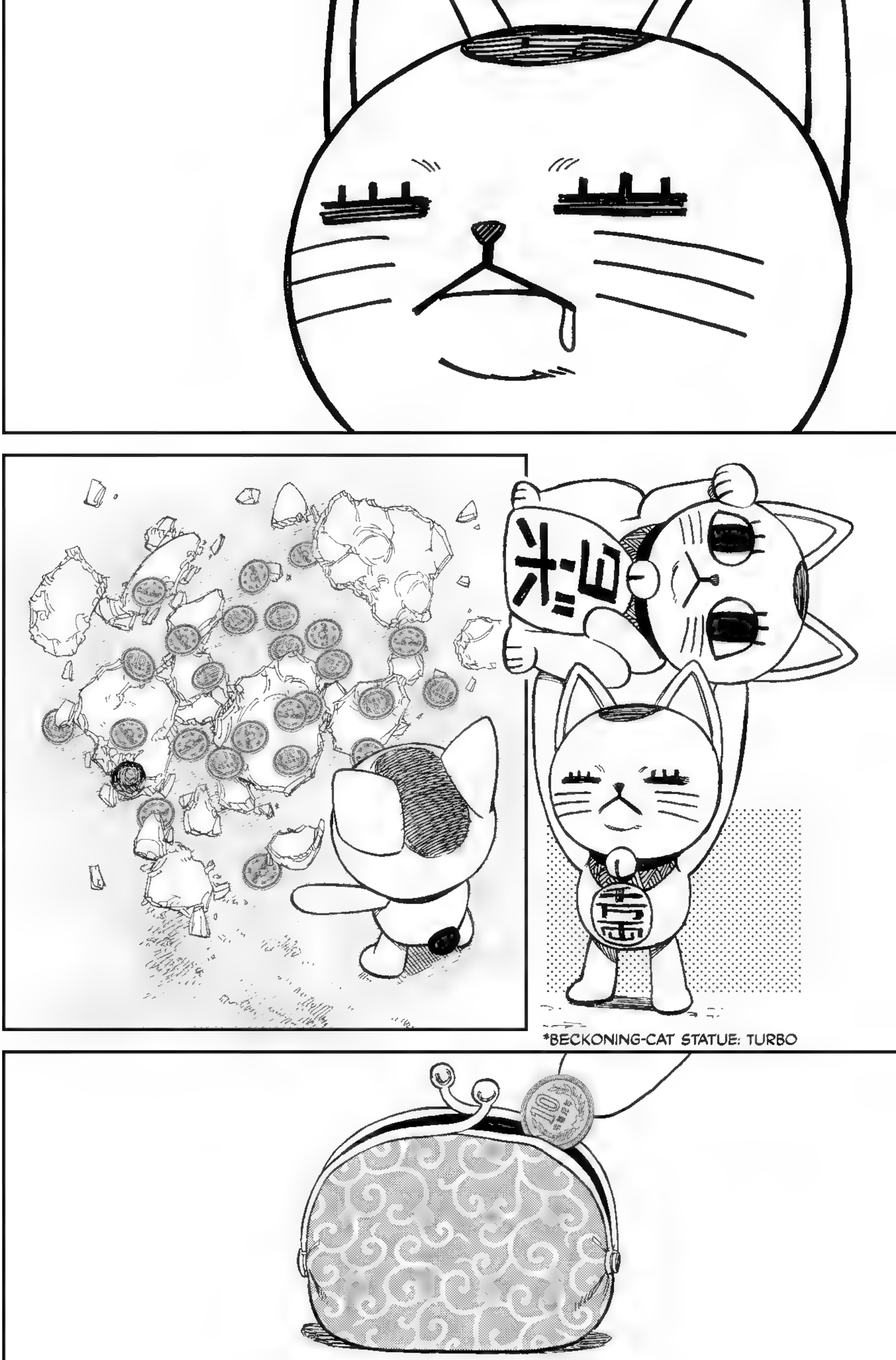
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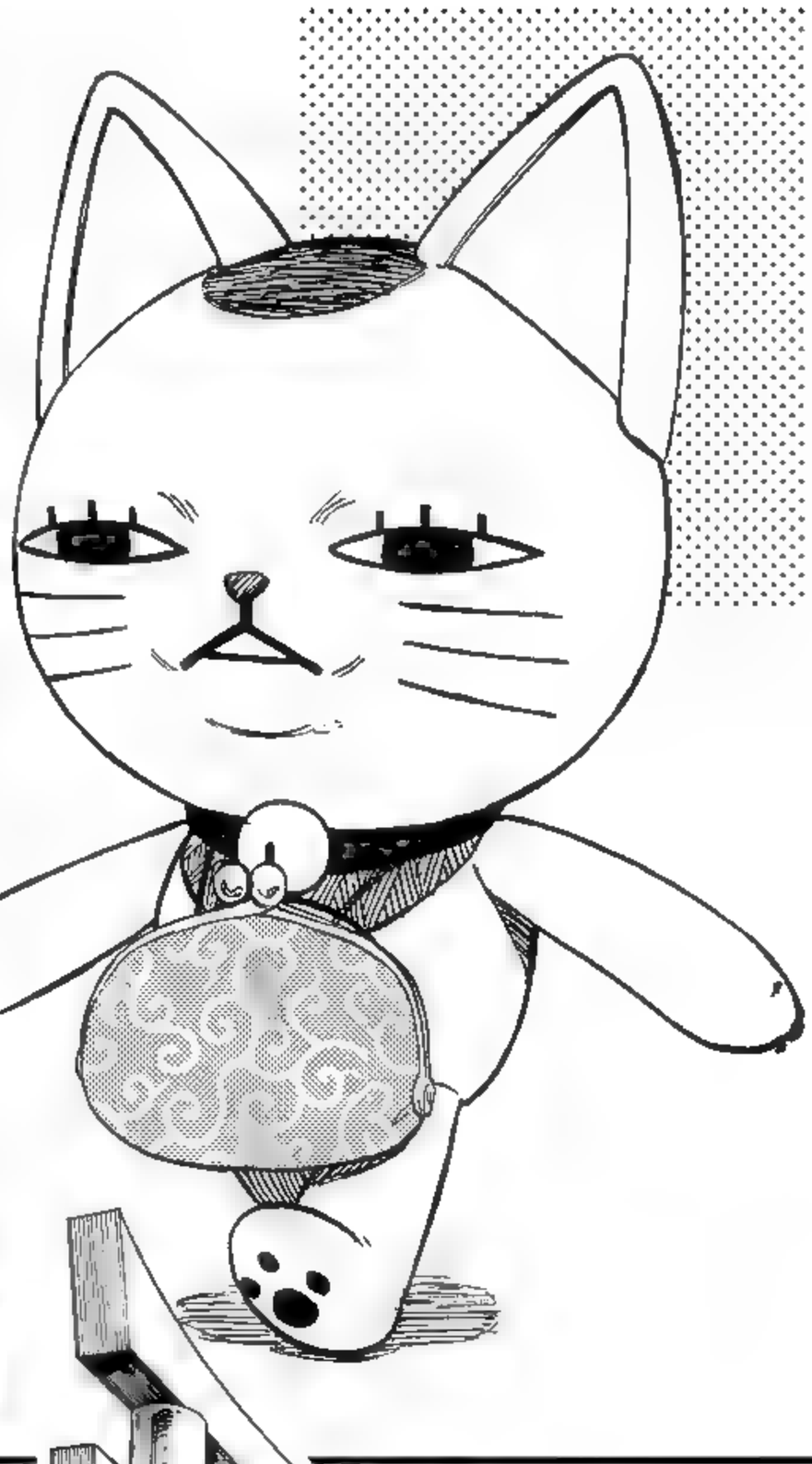

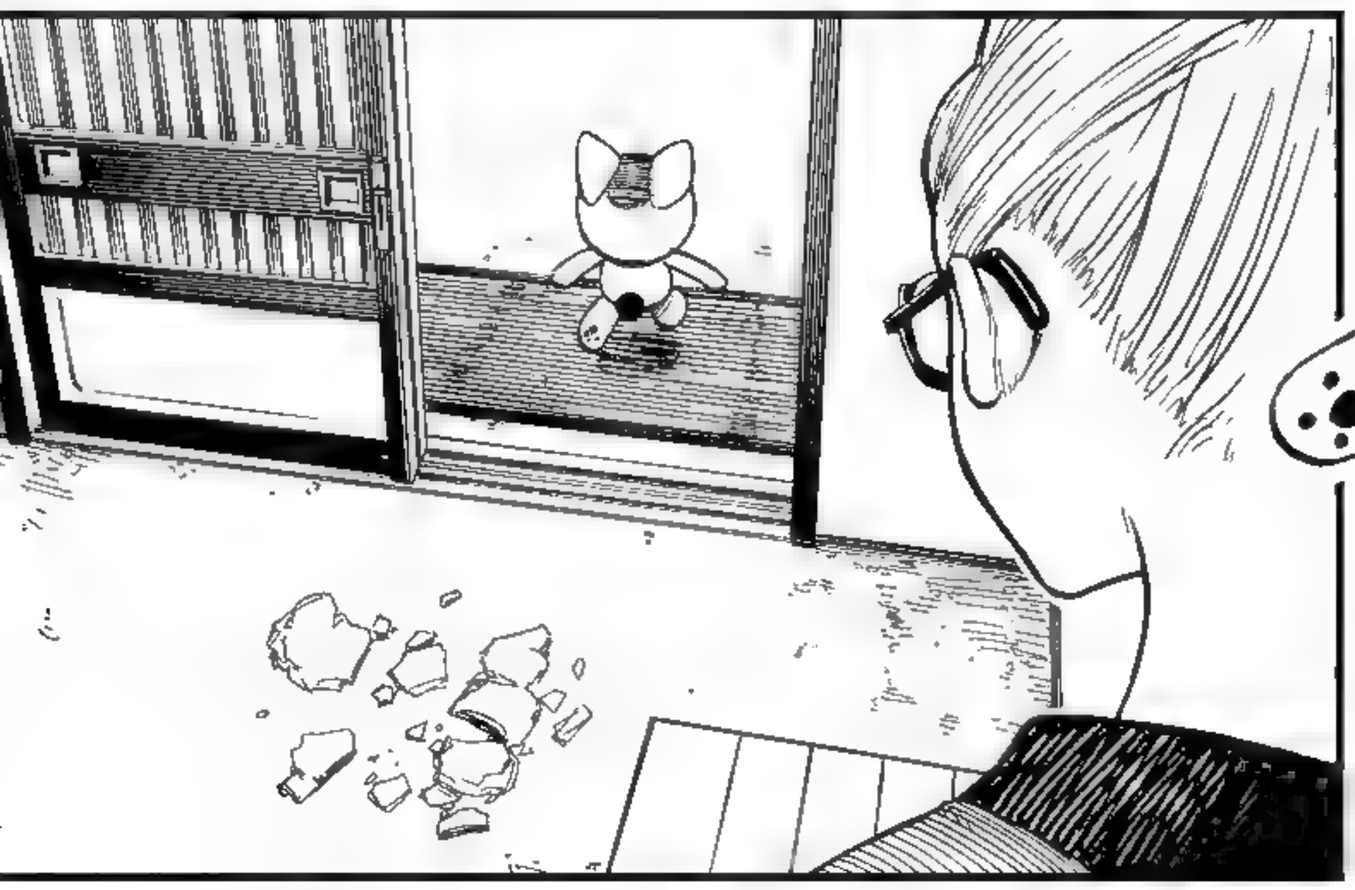

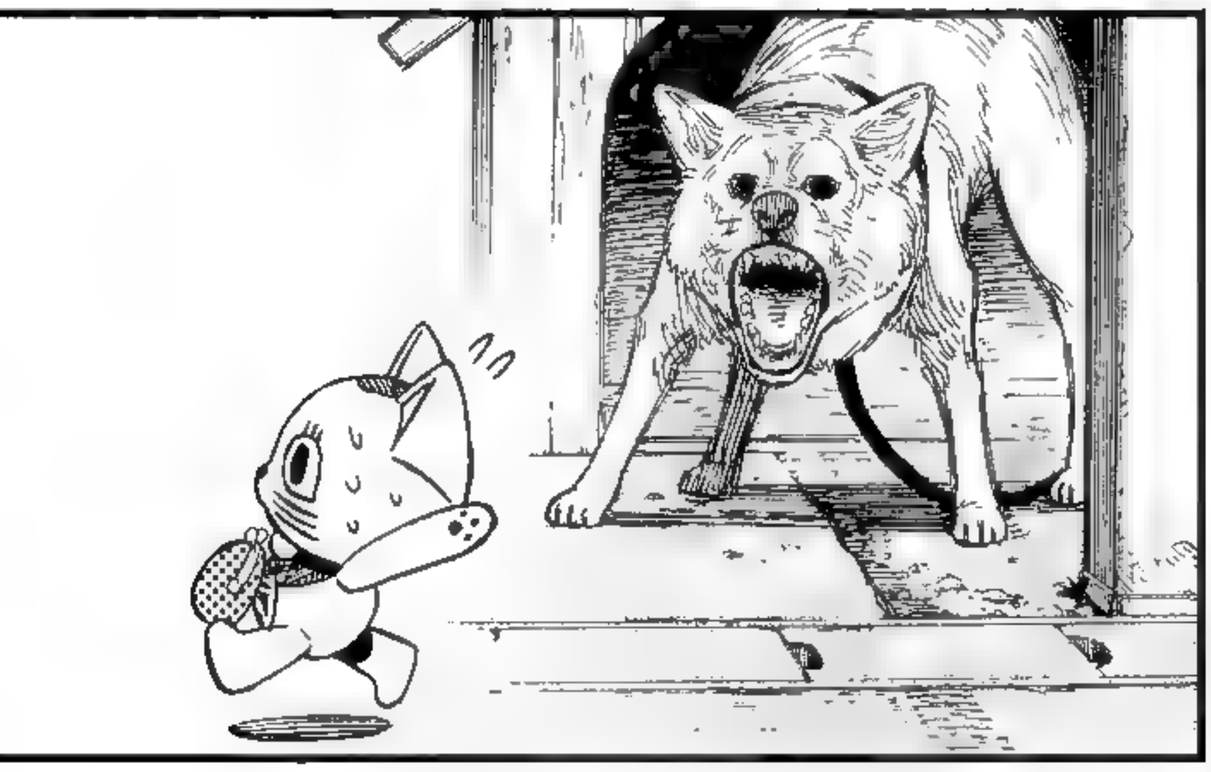

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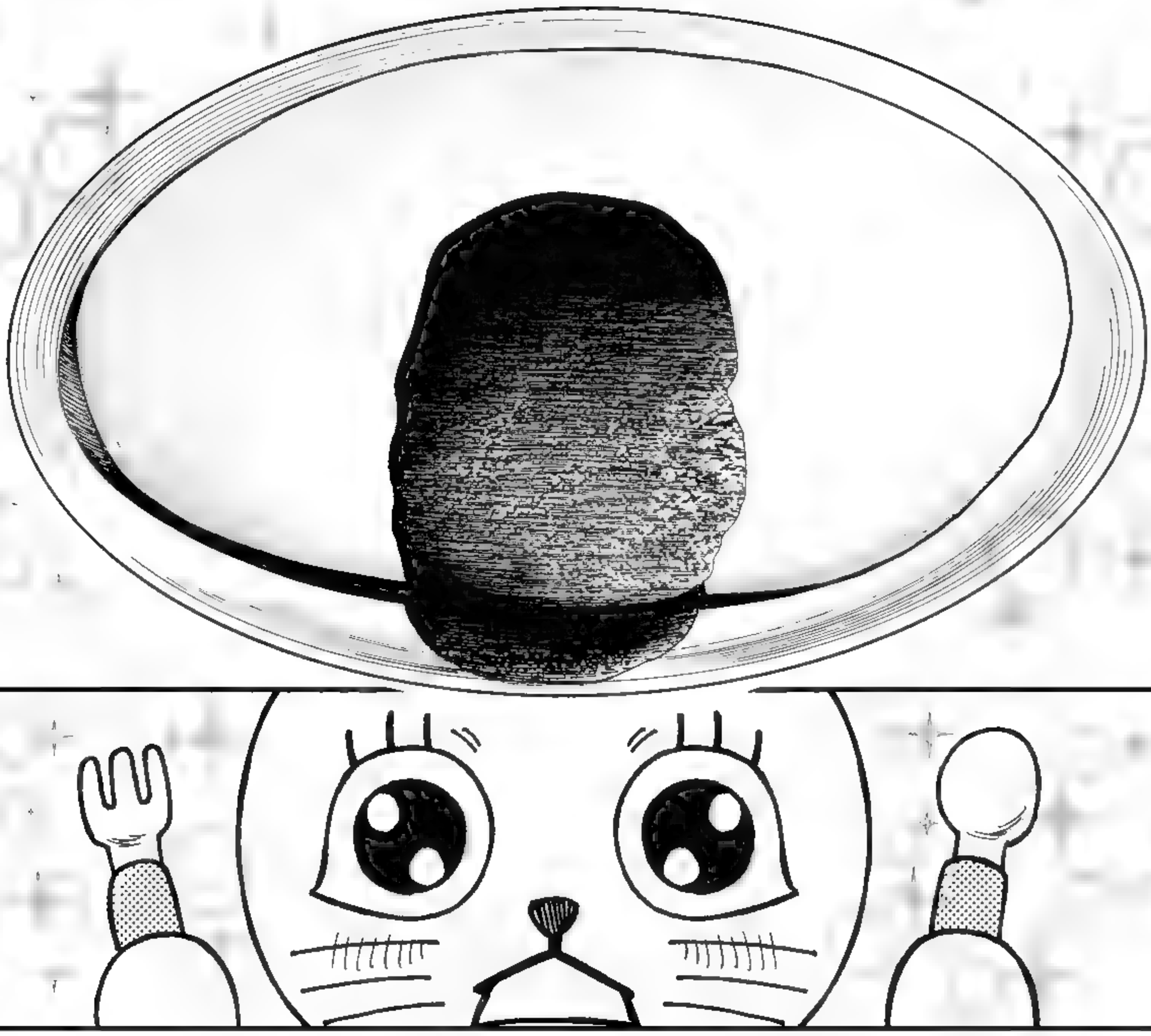

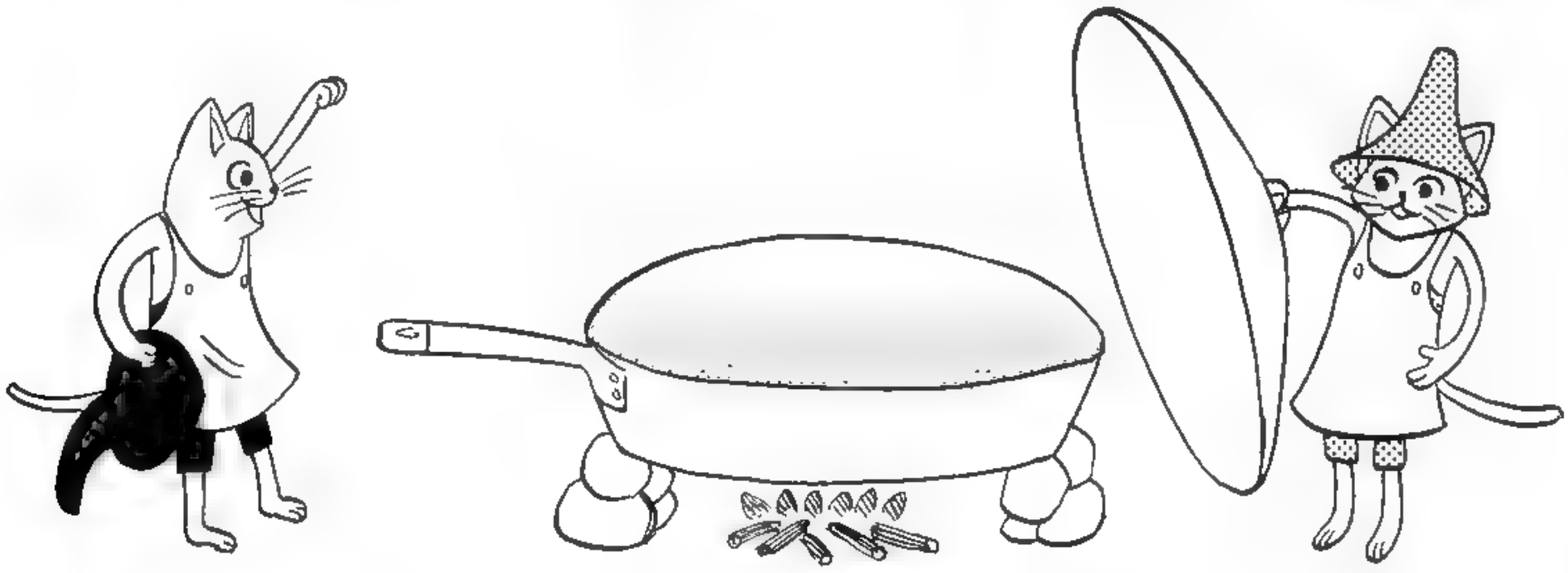

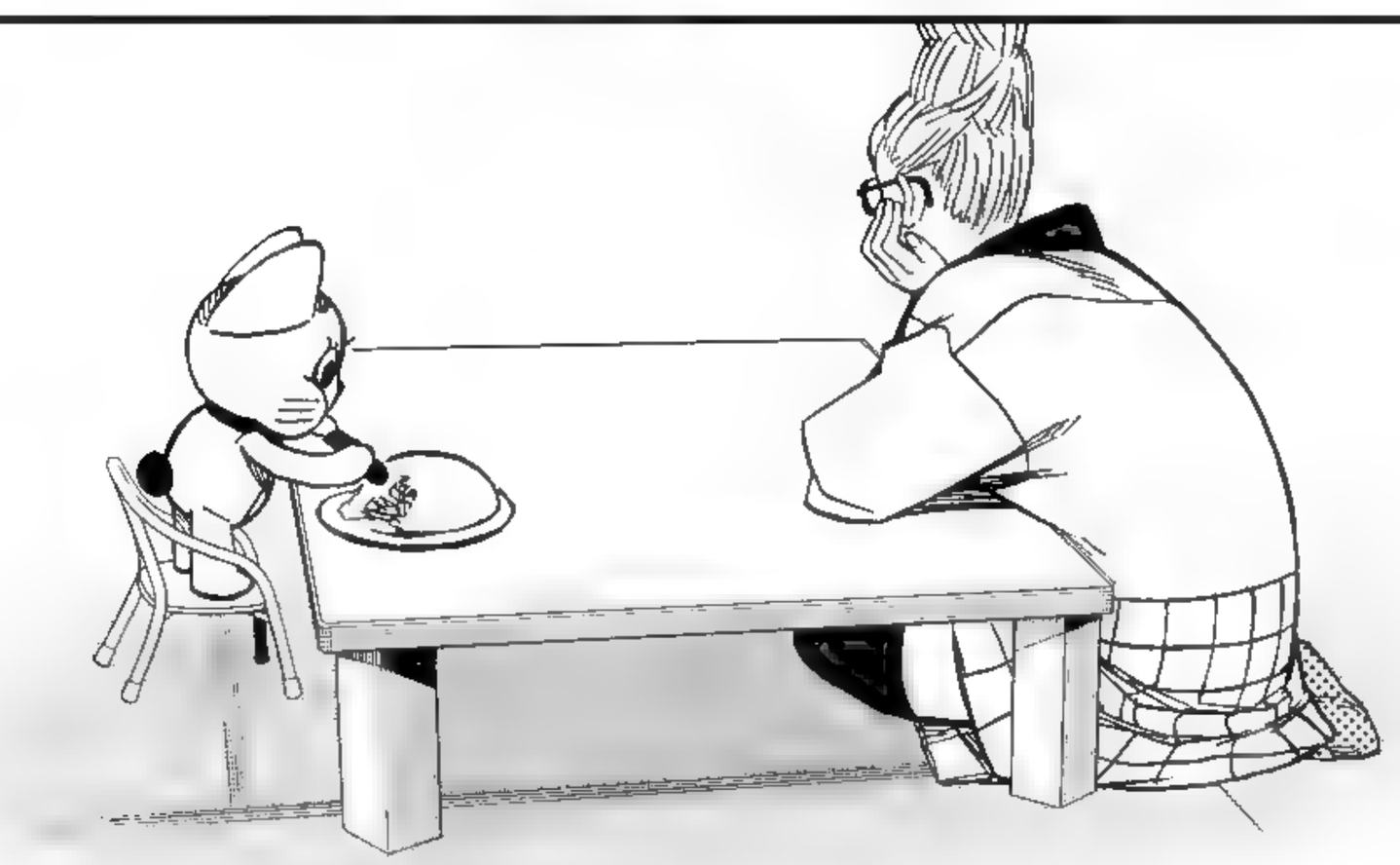

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DOVER DEMON STRONG STYLE 24

TYPE: ALIEN
HABITAT: ADAPTABLE PERFLUOROCARBON
HEIGHT: 1.8 M

DOVER DEMON ENHANCED BY A SERPO ENERGY DRINK. SAYS, "CAN YOU FIGHT FOR 24 HOURS?" BUT THE EFFECT IS 24 MINUTES.

KAMISSIE (NESSIE)

TYPE: AQUATIC CRYPTID
HABITAT: KAMIKOSHI CITY
LENGTH: 3.5 M

A CRYPTID THAT DWELLS IN LOCH NESS, SCOTLAND. SIGHTINGS GO BACK AS FAR AS 700 CE, BUT NESSIE DIDN'T BECOME AN OVERNIGHT SENSATION UNTIL A PHOTO TAKEN IN 1934 BY A LONDON GYNECOLOGIST WENT PUBLIC. (THIS IS NOW KNOWN AS THE "SURGEON'S PHOTOGRAPH.") AT THE TIME, THERE WERE SKEPTICS WHO QUESTIONED THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE PHOTO, BUT SINCE IT WAS TAKEN BY A DOCTOR, HE HAD SOCIAL CREDIBILITY AND IT WAS HAILED AS REAL. THE DOCTOR LATER STATED HE MISTOOK WHAT HE SAW.

RECENT DNA INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED AT LOCH NESS HAVE DISCOVERED THE PRESENCE OF EEL DNA, SO IT'S ALSO POSSIBLE THAT NESSIE IS A GIANT EEL!

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